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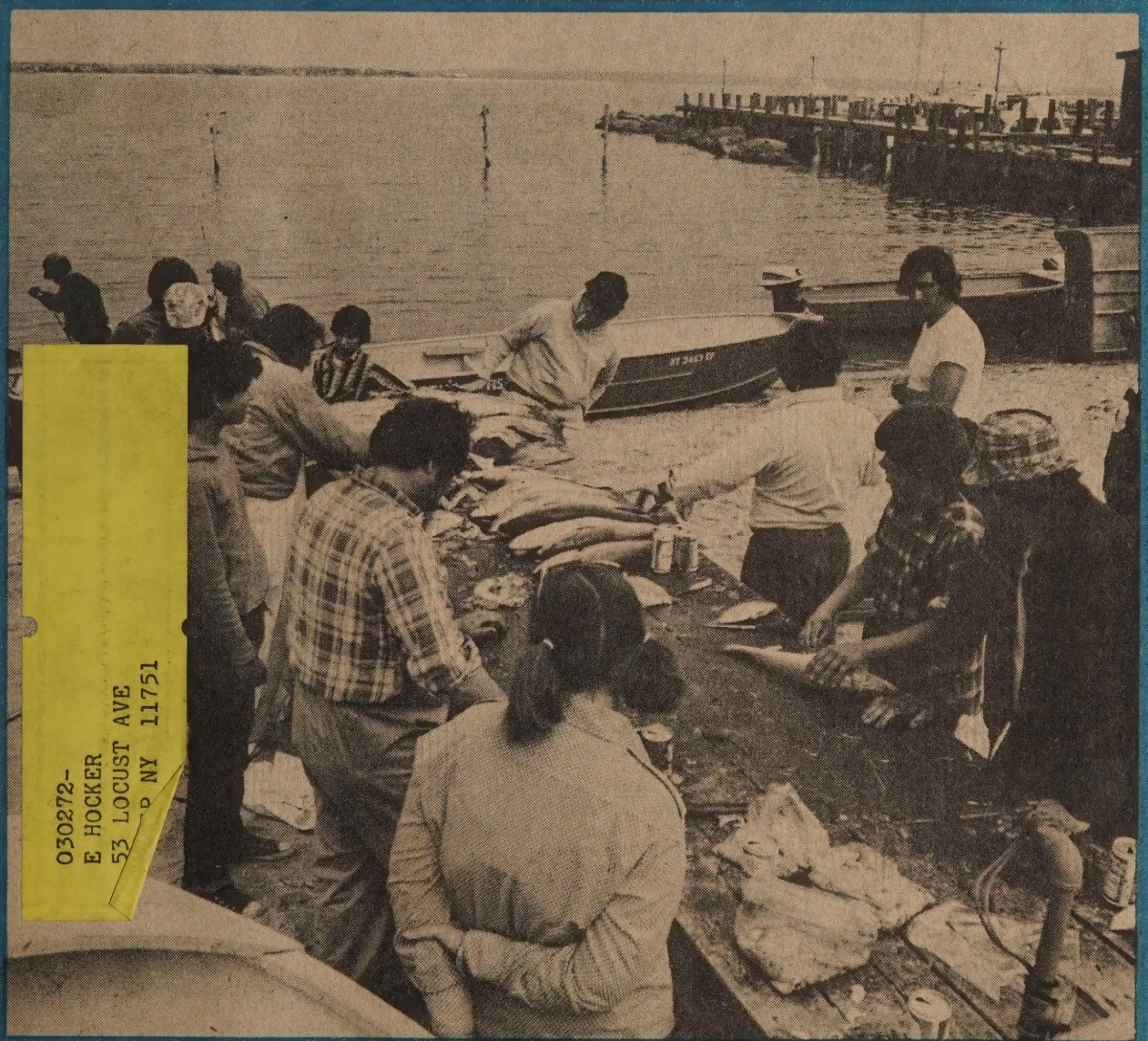

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Reports of scattered sightings and catches of weakfish are coming in from all points of Long Island, so it won't be long before scenes like this one last year at Capt. Marty's Fishing Station, New Suffolk, will be common. Photo by Dr. Wm. Muller.

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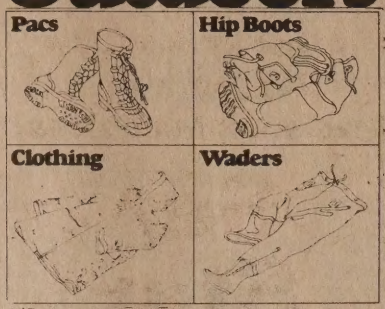

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News Releases

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Gateway Superintendent, Joe Antosca and Breezy Point Unit Manager, Bill Shields, have announced plans to be implemented immediately, for two fishing instruction courses at the Breezy Point Unit. The fishing instruction will be provided by the Farragut Striper Club of Brooklyn, New York. Gateway will make available the facilities of Building 168 at Fort Tilden for the duration of the course.

In announcing the fishing program, which will consist of a beginner and an advanced course, Superintendent Antosca said, "This is a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages and sexes to take advantage of this recreational outlet. We are pleased to have the skill and experience of the members of the Farragut Club on this program. While these first two classes are experimental, we hope to expand the program on a year-round basis to all other units of Gateway."

The fishing instruction will cover such topics as: identification of species in the area, feeding habits, bait, casting, equipment safety and field trips.

The courses, each designed for maximum of 40 people, will be open for enrollment on a first come first served basis.

The beginner course will begin on May 4th, the advanced course will begin on June 1st. Registration for the two courses will open on April 12th.

For further information and a breakdown of the course curriculum, please contact the Breezy Point Unit at (212) 474-4600.

QUEEN'S COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S FEDERATION SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Queen's County Sportsman's Federation has openings for new members that are willing to represent Region #2 on the committees of the New York State Conservation Council. Some of the openings are in the Forest Preserve, Environmental, Resolutions, Small Game, Big Game, Snow Mobile, Marine District, Water Fowl, Firearm Legislation, Fresh water fishing and the Atomic Energy Committee.

We are looking for persons who have a serious interest in these areas and have the time to travel and attend the committee meetings. Expenses are reimbursed for attendance in the Committee meetings.

Interested parties should contact Charles Hubner, 60-06 43rd Avenue, Woodside, New York 11377.

ATTENTION SURF FISHERMEN

A combined effort of all Beach Buggy Fishermen and Conservationists will take place at 9 A.M. on April 24th at Democrat Point. The LIBBA, Farragut Striper Club, High Hill Striper Club and concerned fishermen will all combine efforts to clean the beach at Democrat and Gilgo beaches.

The Long Island State Park Com, has asked our cooperation in this beach clean-up.

Come on down and give us your support. Let's show we can cooperate with their requests and we are capable of a coordinated conservation effort. It's a full day's work and a rewarding experience.

SAVE OUR STRIPERS NOTICE TO CLUB

S.O.S. would like to inform you of our ability to provide a speaker for any of your membership meetings.

In our efforts to achieve club support and fimiliarization, S.O.S. can inform your members of the following: first, present status on the Game Fish Bill. Secone, present dangers of PCB's on Striped Bass fishing and it's effects on man. Third, the State Agencies reports and findings on this latest problem we all should be aware of.

The contact for this will be S.O.S. President Mr. Robert Rance, Phone (516) 541-8676 or write to above letter head.

Chum Lines

FISHING PLACE IN HISTORY

I came across this bit of information in one of my cookbooks and thought it might interest other readers. (Woman's Day Encyclopedia of Cookery. Vol. 6)

"The economics of many nations were based upon herring. The spawning ground influenced the location of cities, and the capricious habits of the herring often brought disaster, for when the fish did not come, there was no food. Herring have always been fished commercially on a vast scale. Holland's great foreign trade was built upon her successful herring fisheries. One of the reasons why Charles I of England (1600-1649) was overthrown by his subjects (and eventually lost his head) was because he interfered with their free fishing rights. He wanted to tax the fishing rights to get money to fight the Dutch herring trade of the time." **Judith A. Pither.**

From the Editor's Head

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE L.I. FISHERMAN

Dear L.I.F.: Please accept the congratulations of a charter member...that is, a charter subscriber, as your tenth year rapidly approaches its end. Please allow me to reiterate something that I wrote to you and which you printed in your 5th issue, vol. 1...'your reports are clear and concise, your suggestions are on the ball. These two mannerisms have helped build you into the outstanding publication that you are today.

How many of you ten year veterans remember what that first issue looked like? Enclosed you will find a copy of Vol. 1, No. 1 dated Thursday, April 21st, 1966....bring back memories???

There is nothing I can say to you that has not already been said. I can only pass on to you my fervent wish that you continue on in the tradition that you have established these first ten years and surely your publication will bring joy to our great-grandchildren ten times ten years from now...if there are still some fish around. Robert M. Fenn, Brooklyn.

Yes Robert, looking at the first issue of The Long Island Fisherman DOES bring back many memories. For those of our readers who have only recently hopped aboard the good ship L.I.F. and for the sake of nostalgia, we have decided to reprint the Volume 1, Number 1 issue of The Long Island Fisherman in its entirety (eight, count 'em, eight big pages) in this tenth year anniversary issue. (Starting after page 24.)

The first issue of The Long Island Saltwater Fisherman was published on April 21st, 1966. It was an eight pager, and only 3,000 copies were printed. The cover price was ten cents and a yearly subscription went for the huge sum of $3.00 for 52 issues. The first 3,000 copies were just dumped on any local newstands that would have them. Two out of three issues were promptly snatched up by news-hungry fishermen, and its been uphill ever since.

Production of The Fisherman in those days was a nightmare. With only $300 of working capital (borrowed at that!) an old multilith printing press, used portable typewriter and enough paper to print the first issue. The first editor, Mickey Chiarenza, wrote the entire contents of The Fisherman from cover to cover. Louise Reina, the better-half of publisher Rich Reina, banged out the copy with two fingers on the portable typewriter. Meanwhile, Rich was down in the basement running the press with one hand and calling around the Island for fishing reports with the other. As each page was printed, he'd run upstairs and grab the next page out of the typewriter to be printed.

After a few months, Mickey left to start production of his now famous Tri-Fin Lures (Whiptails, Eels, Jig-N-Shrimp, etc.) and the job of producing the magazine was left to Rich and Louise. Both holding down full time jobs to put food on the table, work on The Fisherman was done during "spare" time. This included collating and folding the pages by hand, addressing papers and putting stamps on issues for subscribers, delivering LIF to tackle outlets all over the Island, running the press, making fishing reports, writing articles, typesetting, etc. At one point, Rich was working full time on a night shift while Louise worked full-time days. Louise would arrive home from work at 4:30 P.M., and Rich would leave her pounding the keys when he walked out the door at 4:45 P.M. to work the night shift. More times than not, he would arrive home after midnight and find Lou still banging those keys, often with tears in her eyes. It would have been easy to give up, but this was their baby, and nothing would make them throw in the towel. Eventually, enough money started rolling in to buy a few machines to make things easier and hire part time help.

It's been ten years now since that first issue, and you can see how much we've grown in that time by looking at those first eight-pages and comparing it to the 56-page issue you now hold in your hands. And with our sister publications, The New Jersey Fisherman and The Connecticut-Rhode Island Fisherman, we are the largest weekly publication in the United States devoted exclusively to fishing. How has this success effected Rich and

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Surf Side with Vito Orlando

Brooklyn Spring Bass Part I

Some years ago, when I was invited to go bass fishing at what was then a secret hot spot, I jumped at the chance. A good friend of mine, Jerry Bernard, had been telling tales of his daily conquest at a nearby sand bar. As a native of Brooklyn I was somwhat amazed when told we were going to fish from Plum Beach. I must admit, I was a little apprehensive about this trip. However, knowing "The Old Master" as I did, I knew he was not joking. The results of this trip made a believer out of me and I have been a constant visitor to "The Bay" ever since.

Plum Beach is located on the east bound side of the Belt Parkway, between Knapp Street and the Mill Basin Bridge. You will notice a parking lot to your right, and a sign designating the parking area. Turn in, and drive to the left of the concession house and park. After dressing, walk toward the water. At this location you will notice Roxbury, which borders Breezy Point, lying across the bay. A waste treatment plant, known as the Roundhouse, can also be observed. Walk east (Left), until you come upon a group of broken pilings. Fifty feet to their left is where you begin to wade. A word of caution before going any further. Make sure the tide is at least 1½ hours out before attempting to do so. You will be facing south (across the bay) and should notice a black buoy. This buoy can be used both as a guide and tide chart. Stay to the left of this buoy at all times when wading. If it is leaning to the left (toward the Marine Parkway Bridge) the tide is incoming and you should go no further. If it is leaning to the right (toward Sandy Hook) the tide is outgoing. This buoy also signals the extreme end of the furthest sand bar.

While wading to the bar, that lies about 100 yards off the beach, you should begin casting. Use either a 5" Redfin or a 1½ ounce popper and vary your casts. Make the first few casts to your front, then right and left. This technique is quite productive because there are often a few bass lying in the shallows. Make sure that you are as quiet as possible. Too much noise will spook these fish, sending them seaward. Keep in mind that sound travels five times faster in water than it does on land. Another very important reason for going slow is that you may be fishing in a new "Ballpark". Not knowing what to expect, you should proceed with caution, until familiarizing yourself with the new surroundings.

You should now be able to observe the sea gulls that have gathered on the extreme eastern end of the first sand bar. These gulls give away its location, as they search for food left behind by the receding tide.

Once arriving on the bar, walk directly over it to the other side. You will be facing south (toward Breezy Point). At the waters edge begin casting. Don't wade just yet because many times these bass are feeding just off the shelf 30 feet from the bar. If after awhile you don't produce, move to your right. There will be a slough that separates the first and second bars. The latter now being visible. Midway between these bars is where you should begin casting. It is at this location that most of the fish will be caught. The current at this point will sweep the bait inhabiting the area toward you.

Facing the Marine Parkway Bridge, utilize the same casting patterns described earlier. As the tide ebbs, make your way into deeper water by wading toward the Bridge. By this time the second bar will be completely uncovered. I would not recommend a novice to the area to wade to it. The going gets a little tricky and it is very difficult to describe the correct route, however, after familiarizing yourself with the area, you won't have any problems getting there and back safely.

The ideal outfit for use in this area is a seven or eight foot spinning rod with a matching reel. The spool should be filled with not more than 12 lb. test. Keep in mind that you will be using light plugs, and heavy line may produce problems when casting. I prefer to use 8 lb. test when fishing there. Providing your drag setting is correct, you can easily handle any of the larger fish that sometimes inhabit the area.

At the end of your line there should be a monofilament leader of 20 or 30 pound test 18 inches long. This leader serves a dual purpose. First, as you may already know, bass have rather sharp gill plates. It wouldn't take very much for your thin line to part should it rub against either side of the fish's gills. Not only will you loose the fish, but your costly plug. The other reason being that most of the fish that will be caught are schoolies. You may wish to release a few of them. This is made easier with the aid of a leader. Pull the fish toward you, grabbing the heavier line. Lift up on the leader and then unhook and release the fish. If this is attempted on light line without the help of a leader, you will loose a great many plugs. A gaff is a necessity for the larger fish.

A fish stringer is suggested. It is a lot easier to string the fish, then to attempt to throw them onto the bar. It is also an asset when carrying the fish back to the car. A foul weather top is a must. That is unless you wish to draw water when wading. Make sure that this foul weather top is tight around your waist. Utilize your pistol belt for this purpose.

There are three basic plugs that are constant producers at Plum Beach. The 5" Redfin, 1½ ounce poppers, and the 1 ounce Kastmaster. Although at certain times other lures may do the trick you cannot go wrong using these three. The Kastmaster produces best when fishing from the slough between the two bars. It is especially productive in slightly choppy water caused by a south or southwest wind. The other plugs can be used at any time throughout the area.

The best plug colors are, blue and white, white, and black and silver. When working your plugs at Plum Beach, continue your retrieve until the last possible moment. These fish often follow the bait from deeper water into the shallows, where they strike it. Many times I have caught fish just as I was about to lift the lure out of the water.

Next week, winds, moon, time, etc.

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THE BOTTOM LINE

with Scott Simons

Advanced Weakfishing Part One

The weakfish are in! Okay, so maybe they aren't biting on hook and line, but the weakfish have made their arrival never-the-less. They have been taken in quantity in the Fire Island pound nets, fish traps and gill nets in both Great South Bay and Shinnecock Bay. Based on their track record of the past three years, there is usually about a two week interval between the arrival of the weakfish and substantial hook-and-line catches. But this period is almost up and the hot weather we had over last weekend and early in the week make it a good bet that this weekend will see the weaks go on their feed and start off the 1976 season with a bang-in Great South Bay. The Peconic Bay run usually starts two or three weeks later. And it looks like this is going to be another excellent year for taking an IGFA World Record Weakfish—a large percentage of the weakfish being taken commercially are ten to twelve pounders and more!

During this past winter I spent many nights giving a slide show presentation and lecture on fluke fishing at various fishing clubs around the Island. Many anglers complimented me on the six part series I wrote in The Fisherman on "Advanced Fluke Fishing," :L.I.F Volume 10, Issues No. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25) and several asked me why I didn't write in such depth about weakfish. So by popular demand, the next five columns will be devoted entirely to Advanced Weakfishing: Part One, Introduction and general chit-chat to fill up this page; Part wto will concentrate on how to locate weakfish with bottom formations, tides, etc.; Part Three will cover the popular (and unpopular) artificial lures used to catch weakfish and how, where and when to work them; Part Four will go into the rigs and baits to use for bottom fishing; and Part Five will wind up with chumming with grass shrimp, clam bellies, livelining snappers, and how to effectively use C4 when fishing is really tough.

Before we go any further, however, let me make one thing practically clear; although we will be going into depth on weakfishing, we'll still only be scratching the surface. The weakfish is a predator and there are many factors that effect their feeding patterns: time of day, tides, bottom formations, available food supply, etc. All may combine in a multiple of ways to effect the how, when and where of catching weakfish successfully with consistency. So if you really want to get into the finer points of weakfishing, I highly recommend reading two books: "Fishing for Weakfish" by Dr. William A. Muller, available through The Fisherman, and "The Complete Book of Weakfishing" by Lyman/Woolner, published by A.S. Barnes and Company. Both are excellent and cover the art of weakfishng from soup to nuts.

Weakfish were so named by local fishermen because of the extremely soft flesh of their mouths which made it easy for the fish to escape by simply tearing the hook out. As a result of this physical characteristic of the weak, proper tackle selection is more critical than with any other species in our waters. The use of short, stiff boat rods and heavy lines give the fighting fish a solid resistance to pull against, and eventually the hook will actually be ripped right out of the weak's mouth. It's not at all uncommon to have a weakfish on for a while, lose it, and then discover a lip or jaw hinge on the hook when you reel in.

So the first "secret" of weakfishing is using light equipment—the lighter the better. The rod should be whippy, with a slow taper so that the force of the fighting fish is evenly distributed throughout the length of the rod; monofilament lines should be as light as possible to match the rod; reels should have a smooth, even drag properly set so the fish can run at will until he tires himself out. Keep these requirements in mind when purchasing that new weakfish wand. The lack of any one will often result in too many needlessly lost fish.

Light, one-handed spinning outfits are an excellent choice for weakfishing. Rods ranging from 6½ to 7½ foot with a light or medium action slow taper are preferred. Look on the rod blank for the manufacturers recommended list of lure weight range for that rod—you want one that can handle artificials weighing from 3/8 ounce to ¾ ounce, nothing more. Use a good brand of monofilament line, six to ten pound test to match the reel. If you are record conscious, use 6 pound test "Tournament" graded line guaranteed to break at/or below 6 pounds for a 6 pound class record. For a 12 pound class record, use 12 lb. Tournament line, or under-test by using 8 or 10 pound test. Good quality spinning reels should have a smooth drag, preferably with a series of alternating metal and Teflon washers. Some of the better reels among the many available are the Daiwa 1500 C and 8300 A, Penn 710 and 712, Shakespeare 2062 and Cardinal 6.

Ultra-light spinning tackle really comes into its own for weakfishing and can provide the angler with so much run it is almost sinful. The light panfish and trout wands used by our freshwater brethren easily adapt to the lunging, determined battle of the saltwater weakfish. Ultra-light rods 5 to 6½ feet rated for lures 1/8 ounce to ½ ounce can successfully handle the scrappiest of weakfish if the angler has the skill and patience required. Precision ultra-light spinning reels like the Daiwa SS-1 and 8100, Penn 716 and Shakespeare 2052 loaded with a good grade two to six pound test mono line are all an excellent match for ultra-light rods.

For those plug casting or bait casting enthusiasts out there (Of which I am fast becoming one), weakfishing is an excellent way of sharpening your casting skills. Straight gripped popping rods 6½ to 8 feet with a light action and fast taper to handle plugs 3/8 ounce to one ounce lures with 15 or 20 lb. test mono are ideal. Match the rod with a baitcasting reel like the Shakespeare Millionaire, Ambassadeur 5000 or 6000, Pfleuger Supreme or Penn 940 and you're in business.

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ARTICLE CORRECTION

In last week's issue of The Long Island Fisherman, a typographical error occurred in Dr. Muller's article on striped bass that may lead anglers astray when analysing the statistics for striped bass caught in 1970 by anglers. The statistic "73 million bass" should have read, "73 million POUNDS of bass." We are sorry if this may have lead to any misunderstandings.

Sinker Bouncing with Matt Ahern

MACKEREL FISHING

During a recent confab on fishing one sinker bouncer remarked that he wished Long Island's mackerel season lasted a bit longer than it does. I had to agree. It sure would be nice, he said, if local fishermen could look forward to a yearly mackerel run that lasted as long as our flounder or fluke season.

There's no doubt such an extended season would make thousands of fishermen happier. Not to mention the charter and party boat skippers who cater to these mackerel fans. But we don't have that long a season and so the experienced fisherman learns to get in his licks when the opportunity presents itself.

Along about mid-April, I and others like me, begin to keep an ear tuned for reports of mackerel arriving off the New Jersey Coast. This is the signal to dig out those mackerel jigs and give them the once-over. Rusted, dulled, broken or bent hooks are replaced with loving care, and a little effort with a piece of scrap flannel restores the bright finish so necessary for successful fishing. Then I begin chafing at the bit.

Mackerel have long been considered one of the most prolific fish in the sea, each female shedding about a half-million eggs. This spawning occurs during the last half of May and throughout June and part of July while the fish slowly wind their way northerly along the coast. According to U.S. fisheries biologists, Bigelow and Welsh, this happens at night when the water temperatures reach between 46 and 61 degrees.

This last bit of information is probably why mackerel are called "feast or famine" fish by many anglers. Evidently a sudden fluctuation in water temperature can easily destroy a large percentage of the year's hatch. No doubt, that this is the reason millions of mackerel are available some years and few in others. The balance of Nature is delicate, indeed.

I'm sure one of the reasons sinker bouncers welcome the mackerel's arrival is because they can temporarily forgo the use of bait to catch fish. Mackerel dote on artificial lures. They will strike any bright, shiny object flashed before them and that's why such lures as the diamond jig work so well. Mackerel just can't resist that tantalizing action.

But before you lower that jig you should use the proper tackle if you want the utmost in sport. Sure, you can catch mackerel on a codfishing outfit, but you won't have half the fun possible. And you can catch mackerel on light spinning tackle and have a ball, providing, of course, that you're not fishing aboard a party boat where the use of such tackle is frowned upon.

For mackerel fishing, I prefer a medium-weight boat rod, six or seven feet long. With it the angler has complete control over any mackerel he hooks. If a mackerel tree is added along with the diamond jig, the chances of hooking two or three at once are good. They're sure to give the fisherman a merry time, but with the proper rod and reel, they're easily controlled.

The reel should be a matching conventional free-spool type, capable of holding at least 100 yards of twenty pound test monofilament line. The reel can be adjusted to meet all fishing conditions if equipped with a star drag, but I've never found it necessary to do so while mackerel fishing with similar tackle. I don't recall ever losing a mackerel due to a too tight drag. It's doubtful if the fisherman would be aware of it anyway as the instant the fish is free, another will immediately strike.

About the only exception to this would be the when the angler uses light spinning tackle. Not only that, but the fisherman is sure to discover how well mackerel can fight. Then a properly adjusted drag might become necessary to control and land the fish without undue strain on the outfit.

Mackerel are greedy feeders, but, surprisingly, they are line shy. This is one reason the old-timer seldom caught as many mackerel with the linen line then in use as do today's fishermen with their monofilament lines.

I doubted this at one time. One day, however, when the opportunity presented itself, I experimented. I tied my jig directly to an old never-used length of Irish linen line. I then positioned myself between two friends who were bailing mackerel as fast as their lures reached the feeding level.

Outside of one lone mackerel, I foul-hooked, I might as well have been fishing in the Sahara for all the action I had. I then added a six foot length of twenty pound test mono, retied the jig, and immediately began to catch fish.

A word to the wise is sufficient: use lines of low visibility if you want to catch mackerel.

What size mono to use depends much on how you are fishing. If a mackerel jig alone is used, the fisherman can get by with ten pound test. If a mackerel tree is added, double and triple-headers become common and I wouldn't hesitate to go to fifteen or twenty pound test, with twenty preferred.

By reading this far you know I believe the diamond jig is the lure to use for best results. Many fishermen add a mackerel tree, but it is the shiny diamond jig that attracts the fish to the tree, not the other way around. The jig also serves as the necessary weight to get the rig down deep enough to the feeding fish. Don't use an ordinary sinker in its place. You'll catch less fish if you do.

Diamond jigs come in various weights, but I believe the two and four ounce size work best, especially when anchored in a chum line. My favorite is the two ounce size. It seems mackerel dote on these smaller lures and I've always had good results with them.

Take care when rigging. It is best to tie your lure directly to the line with an Improved Clinch Knot. I know the use of a snap swivel is convenient, but if the finish is bright, you'll find a certain amount of mackerel hitting that instead of the jig or mackerel tree. You can purchase snap and barrel swivels in dull finishes at most tackle shops, but I believe you'd be better off learning how to make this simple knot. You'll want to use it for other fishing besides mackerel too.

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For the fisherman aboard a party boat, the problem of locating mackerel is left to the skipper and crew. And locate them they will. There's little these enterprising fishermen don't know about mackerel fishing, and the beginner can hardly go wrong by patronizing a party boat.

Party boats often drift when fishing over known mackerel grounds. This works fine when large schools are available. But when schools are scattered, most skippers will anchor and get the chum going.

Fish may respond immediately, or it may take an interval of time to get them started, but when they do, it's wild fishing and something never forgotten. It must be seen to be believed. Everywhere one looks on board, fish are coming over the rail, seemingly without end.

But there is one important thing the beginner should know. Mackerel always feed at a certain depth and the lure must be there to do any good. This depth not only changes from day to day, but often hour to hour, and there is no set rule to follow. Should you be having difficulty finding the proper depth, you can seek aid from a fish-catching neighbor at the rail. He may tell you, for instance, that the fish are at thirty feet. But outside of not catching fish, how do you know if your lure is above or below the fish? How can you easily find this level?

Unless one has much mackerel experience, it can be difficult. The novice must indeed be lucky to find the correct depth quickly and not lose precious time doing so. And when mackerel fishing, time is important because the fish may quit at any time, no matter how ravenous they seem at the moment. This can be for a variety of reasons, not the least being the sudden appearance of a shark drawn to the easy pickings. This can and does happen occasionally, so it behooves the fisherman not to lose time getting his share of the fish.

The best method for the beginner to locate the fish is to let the lure hit bottom and begin jigging with one foot lifts of the rod tip, reeling in a few turns at a time. Incidentally, you may hit a school of fish close to the bottom. These are usually larger fish and many a pool-winner has been caught this way. Have a pen containing a quick-drying marker ink handy and when the first fish is hooked, quickly dab your line at the reel.

Once you get used to the amount of time necessary for the lure to reach the feeding level, you'll find yourself automatically stopping the reel without the necessity of watching for the ink stain. This is how the experienced fisherman catches mackerel. He's beyond the point of using marker ink. He has achieved through experience a finely-developed sixth sense which tells him exactly when the lure is at the right depth. You will eventually develop this, too.

When fishing aboard a private craft, finding mackerel isn't difficult. Just look for water ranging from sixty to ninety feet over open bottom and either drift or get a chum line going. If you should see gulls and diving gannets working an area, chances are good that mackerel are under them. If you intend to chum, don't barge in on the fish. Drift down and quietly lower the anchor.

The best chum is made from ground, frozen mossbunker available at most larger bait outlets. Always mix with sea water until is has the consistency of thin soup. Ladle overboard sparingly, about a pint at a time. Don't flood the area with chum. What you want to do is whet the appetite of any passing mackerel schools so that they will seek out the source of supply.

Until the fish respond, don't allow too much of a break in the chum line. The fish won't come within reach if you do. Once the fish begin hitting, someone should replenish the chum line occasionally. They'll quit feeding unless this is done.

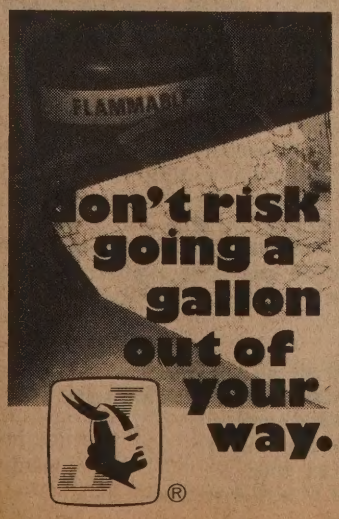
Drifting is easily done, of course. Lures should be presented at various depths until the first fish is caught. Then continue fishing at that depth. Sometimes, especially if the drift is slow, a little chum dribbled overside helps.

Trolling is done around the edges of known schools. It is here where weight ounce jigs work best. The trick is to learn the correct speed necessary to keep the lure at the right depth, often difficult to do at times.

Like all fish, mackerel can sometimes put on the finicky act. Often they can be seen milling about in the chum line just under the surface and they quickly aggravate the excited fishermen by refusing to hit a lure. This usually occurs after the fish have been feeding heavily on chum.

When this happens, experienced fishermen remove the jig and attach a flounder hook to which has been added one or two split shot. A couple of bunker hearts, usually found in the chum can, are used for bait. This rig is carefully lowered to the feeding fish and the line peeled out slowly. The fish should be hooked at the first sign of a nibble. Tiny pieces of mackerel belly can be substituted for bunker hearts.

If you want to enjoy good fishing this spring, be ready when the mackerel hoards arrive off our shores. Then you'll know what fishermen mean when they say it's too bad the mackerel season isn't longer. You'll feel the same way, too.



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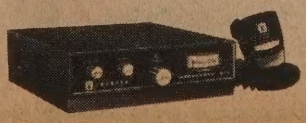

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Sit Down To A Rainbow; Waffles With Chicken Gravy

Thanks once again to the National Marine Fisheries Service in sending me the following: Time was when rainbow trout were available only to that select group of hardy anglers willing to scour the fast moving mountainous streams in search of this elusive favorite. Times have changed; now we are blessed with modern up-to-date trout farms that offer this table delicacy throughout the year at a relatively moderate cost. Rainbow trout are available alive in many of today's supermarkets, and available fresh frozen in most of the United States at any time.

Today's consumer is gradually learning what European-trained chefs have known for a long time: That rainbow trout is an available, easy-to-prepare fish that lends itself to endless methods of preparation; a fish that pleases the most finicky palate yet demands only a modest price in the market place. How can you beat that combination?

Consider the new trout recipe from the National Fishery Education Center—**Gourmet Trout**. The title may not be unusual but the recipe has more than its share of interest. Rainbow trout are stuffed with a perky filling of bread, fresh mushrooms, green onions, parsley, pimiento and flavor highlighted with lemon juice and marjoram. This easy-do palate pleaser is popped into the oven for 25-30 minutes, then served with a flair. Yes, there is a pot of complimentary gold at the end of a rainbow dinner!

GOURMET TROUT

6 pan-dressed rainbow trout or other small fish, fresh or frozen
2 teaspoons salt
4 cups (½ inch) soft bread cubes
⅔ cup of oleo or cooking oil
1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
⅔ cup sliced green onions
¼ cup chopped parsley
2 tablespoons chopped pimiento
4 teaspoons lemon juice
½ teaspoon marjoram

Thaw frozen fish; clean, wash and dry. Sprinkle 1½ teaspoons salt evenly over inside and outside of fish. Saute bread crumbs in one half cup of margarine or cooking oil until lightly browned, stirring frequently. Add mushrooms and onion; cook until mushrooms are tender. Stir in remaining salt, parsley, pimiento, lemon juice and marjoram; toss lightly. Stuff fish and arrange in a single layer in a well greased pan. Brush with remaining melted oleo or cooking oil. Bake in a moderate oven at 350 degrees F for 25 to 30 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Serve plain or with favorite fish sauce. Makes 6 servings.

Waffles With Chicken Gravy

"Waffles with chicken gravy" says you! Who ever heard of such a combination? That's the response I usually get when I mention this completely delectable, superbly delicious change of menu breakfast dish. Sure, it's a departure from recipes for fish—entrancing as that subject may be. But you can't eat fish ALL the time.

When I was growing up in Brooklyn (I do believe that a large percentage of Long Islanders were born and raised in that metropolis) we used to have waffles with chicken gravy and soft, crispy codfish balls for Sunday morning breakfast. Of course, we also ate the waffles with maple syrup or honey other times but the chicken gravy bit was always welcome.

Don't you yearn at times for a variant in what you eat—be it breakfast, lunch or dinner? I know that I do. As a rule my better-half prepares our breakfasts but inasmuch as she is quite calorie minded, I get up a bit earlier and prepare the following for myself.

You may use many an excellent waffle mix or you can make them from scratch. For four persons with good appetites, I'd use—

3 cups all purpose flour
3 teaspoons (level) baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons sugar
1½ cups milk
⅓ bar of butter or oleo
3 eggs

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Thoroughly mix all the dry ingredients; then add the 3 eggs, milk and melted oleo. Beat with an electric mixer until you have the consistency of a "slow pour"—depending upon the amount of milk you use—more or less 1½ cups. Pour into waffle iron when it's good and hot.

Chicken Gravy

2 cans Campbells Chicken Broth
4 tablespoons flour
1 tablespoon oleo
½ teaspoon black pepper
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon thyme
½ teaspoon sage or poultry dressing

You make the gravy as you would make a cream sauce. Start by melting the oleo, cream in the flour add the broth and constantly stirring, bring to a smooth consistency adding the milk as it thickens. Pour the gravy over the waffles generously. The recipe supplies eight regular size waffles.

Crab Meat Rolls

For parties, try this quick, neat treat!

½ cup tomato juice
1 well-beaten egg
1 cup dry bread crumbs
¼ teaspoon salt
dash of pepper
½ teaspoon chopped parsley
½ teaspoon chopped celery
1-6½ oz. can crab meat
12 strips bacon, cut in half (cross wise)

Mix tomato juice and egg. Add crumbs, seasonings, parsley, celery and crab-meat. Mix thoroughly; roll into finger length; wrap each with ½ strip of bacon. Broil, turning frequently to brown evenly. Makes two dozen rolls. (Or, [illegible] electric frying pan, pouring [illegible] as it accumulates.)

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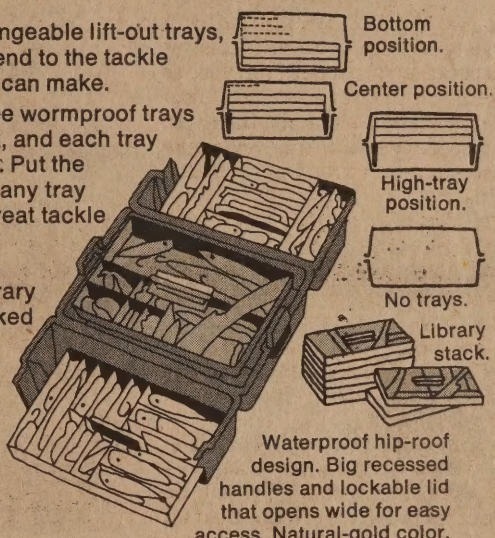

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Jet Drives

Jet drives operate on the turbine principle with no exposed propeller. They are basically force pumps which draw water into their mechanisms and eject it at high velocity to provide motive power. Steering is achieved by regulation of the direction of the outlet nozzle and thereby the stream of ejected water. The advantages of a drive unit which lacks rudder and propeller, in fact little of anything projecting below the hull line should be obvious to anyone who has done much boating in shallow or obstruction filled waters. The days when jet drives were merely expensive, experimental curiosities is long past and they are being applied as propulsion to a wide variety of practical boats.

While there is no denying the power, novelty, safety, and utility of the jets, they still leave something to be desired in the field of efficiency, in that they do not utilize the horsepower behind them to the best effect in the manner of more conventional stern drives. On the asethetic side the jet drives I have seen all have one thing in common; they are ugly, resembling nothing so much as exposed plumbing. All well and good to say that making them work well is the first thing to consider with appearance coming later, but it seems to me that someone could have come up with a streamlined, modern appearing unit after all this time.

Chrysler had such a streamlined looking unit on the market a couple of years back, but it died, quietly died, to be heard from no more. Mercury has been producing a good looking jet drive for a number of years on an on again, off again basis, and the small Maritec Company produces the Panther Jet which fulfills the looks requirements in that it resembles the modern propulsion that it is, rather than some obsolete nineteenth century plumbing. The covers on the aforementioned units are a step in the right direction for they protect the controls and the jet itself.

Enough said on appearance; let's examine the question of basic difference among the various brands on the market. In point of fact the differences are miniscule, and while each manufacturer may claim his unit to be far superior to anything on the market, it would take a sensitive helmsman indeed to tell the difference, given an equal engine to provide motive power and a hull of similar size and design. What should one look for in selecting a jet drive?

There are two important tests; the first being to apply full throttle from a standing start—not because you are a frustrated aquatic hot-rodder, but to determine if the unit and its installation are correct. Cavitation has a tendency to occur at this time. Although all jet drives have an intrinsic power limitation at low speed though most have now been developed to the point where such cavitation is all but eliminated and if it does occur, it would tend to indicate that the jet drive has been improperly installed in the particular boat you are testing.

The second test consists of making a series of S turns in reverse, and even some of the best units have trouble measuring up to this one; when the boat starts to swing in reverse it is reluctant to start swinging in the other direction. It may even be necessary to shift to forward and swing the wheel the other way to effect a change of direction. All boats are a bit difficult to handle in reverse at low speed and this is the achilles heel of jet drives.

You should also get out onto open water and conduct some further testing on your own, such as handling characteristics at high speed and maneuvering at low speed. Any problems encountered in these areas may be as much the fault of hull design as the jet unit, but there are hull combinations which provide superior performance with these drive units so it behooves the prospective buyer to select one.

There is another factor not to be overlooked with jet drives, and that is economy. With a modern high speed planning hull, the power required to drive the boat to any given speed is determined by weight and weight alone. At 30 mph one horsepower is required for every 25 pounds of weight; to do 50 mph would require one horsepower for every 10 pounds of weight. Horsepower is fuel consumption; 100 horsepower burns about 9 gallons of gasoline an hour in an inboard or outdrive, outboards do about 20% poorer, diesels about 20% better. Keeping these figures in mind, you can see that a 2500 pound boat would require 250 horsepower to do 50 mph and burn 22 gallons per hour in the process. Slow back to 30, and the fuel consumption drops to 9 gallons per hour, a 50% saving. The point I'm trying to bring out is that the big, high speed mills employed with most jet drives can be remarkably efficient from an economy standpoint if you just THROTTLE BACK.

Trim is of paramount importance (as it is in all types of propulsion) with these drives; point the jet nozzle up and you achieve a spectacular roostertail which will also tend to raise the bow and rob you of potential speed. Proper jet angle can add as much as 4 mph to your speed and increase efficiency. A trim plate, properly adjusted can be worth its weight in gold. You will need to experiment to find the best angle setting for all around performance.

Trailer boating with a jet drive is a most enjoyable experience; if ever a unit was designed for trailering, this is it. When launching, jet back the trailer into the water and start the engine. Back the boat off the trailer with a short burst of power, but remember to watch where you're going considering the jet's dubious backing maneuverability and the fact that an automatic choke and a fast idle can make the craft pretty lively. When retrieving, back the trailer into the water, but not deep enough to submerge the bunks, for you want to have something for the boat to push against. Then just slowly run the boat up onto the trailer and secure. You're off and away while conventional drive owners are still struggling to get their craft out of the water.

Jet drives have a somewhat overstated reputation for steering poorly at low speeds, due to the fact that all boats are inherently directionally unstable at low speed (caused mainly by the fact that they are then more at the mercy of wind and current) coupled with the jet's lack of vertical fin area. The quick, responsive steering system incorporated into modern jet drives has largely eliminated this problem. Since the jet drive has so many inherent advantages stated herein, many boatmen might wish to consider one; lets look at a few of the more popular ones.

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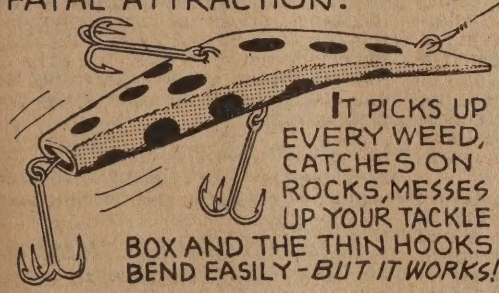

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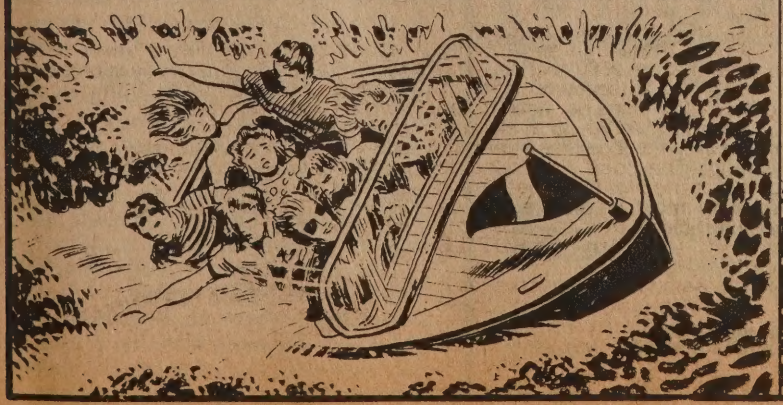


PECONIC BAY WEAKFISH

Part I - Robins Island

by Dr. William A. Muller

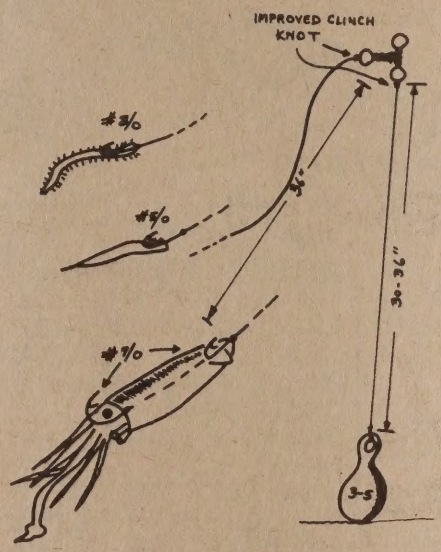
Techniques for successful weakfishing having been written-up many times before and I doubt that it is necessary to go over them again if you'll check past issues of the Long Island Fisherman (issues 1974, #17, 18, 20; 1975 #16, 17, 18(and my new book "Fishing For Weakfish."

Therefore, I'd like to use this space to talk about how to fish precise areas in much the same way as I discussed flounder fishing earlier in the year. It is possible to "strike out" in a given area even if the angler knows how to use his or her chosen equipment.

Believe it or not there are spots around Robin's Island in Peconic Bay that are not heavily fished and yet produce handsomely. You can fish all day and virtually alone. Most fishermen like to work the time-tested grounds where weakfish respond on almost every tide and on almost every day. However, there are a few "holes" in this philosophy. For one thing, when the boat traffic is very heavy the fish may lose their appetites and although there may be thousands of them below they will not touch a lure or a bait no matter what you do.

The key to successful weakfishing in spots other than the South Race and Cow Neck is to know when to fish there. For example, there is a channel that begins almost at the northern tip of Robin's Island and in the North Race and runs south-southwest toward the Shinnecock Canal. The beginning of the channel is marked by a red nun buoy #4 and it is here where the bottom drops off from about ten to fifteen feet to better than twenty in spots. The water rushing into Great Peconic Bay through the North Race on the incoming tide is funneled by the bottom topography into this channel. With the moving water comes great amounts of bait such as sandeels, spearing, and squid.

HIGH LEADER RIG



It takes about an hour for the tide to build up sufficiently for a respectable turbulence to place the bait at the mercy of the weakfish. Therefore, begin your drifts about one hour after the start of the incoming tide about 500 to 1000 feet south of the buoy. The best wind conditions are calm or a gentle northerly breeze. A west wind will push you across the channel instead of parallel with it and although you will catch fish you will not be able to stay with the schools as they drift down-tide nor will your drifts be long enough to settle down into the fishing. A southerly breeze is acceptable but it must be under 15 knots.

Let's assume for the sake of discussion that you are only interested in big fish. If that is true then you may approach the fishing either with bait or with lures as long as the baits are big! For example, instead of using squid strips use the whole squid and it should be at least 10 inches long. Rig the squid according to the method described in my book "Fishing For Weakfish" and you'll find that the squid will not spin and the weakfish will not be able to remove the squid from the hooks. Attach a three foot leader to a three-way swivel and fish about three feet off the bottom in the same way as you would a squid strip on a high leader rig. (Diagram).

It is essential to use a conventional rod and reel when baitfishing so that the line can be fed back to the fish instantly and when you feel that the big yellowfin has had enough time to swallow it, you can engage the reel easily and sink the hook home quickly.

You can fish artificials almost the same as you would elsewhere. I would recommend one ounce Salty Dogs and other plastic shrimp white ounce Whip-Tails, and ¾ ounce pink or yellow Jig-n-shrimp. Tip both of these lures with long thin strips of squid. The heavier lures are needed to reach the lower levels of the twenty foot depths.

While we are discussing the northern end of the island let me point out that the North Race has its productive moments too. Only few local fishermen try here yet it is a very good spot at times, especially early in the season and at dusk, dawn, and during the dark hours. Fish weighing up to 15 pounds have been taken here using bait at night.

The south side of Robin's Island is where most boats gather for the tide-runners. However, even here it is possible to get away from the crowds if you know what you are doing. Let me tell you a little story to illustrate my point. I

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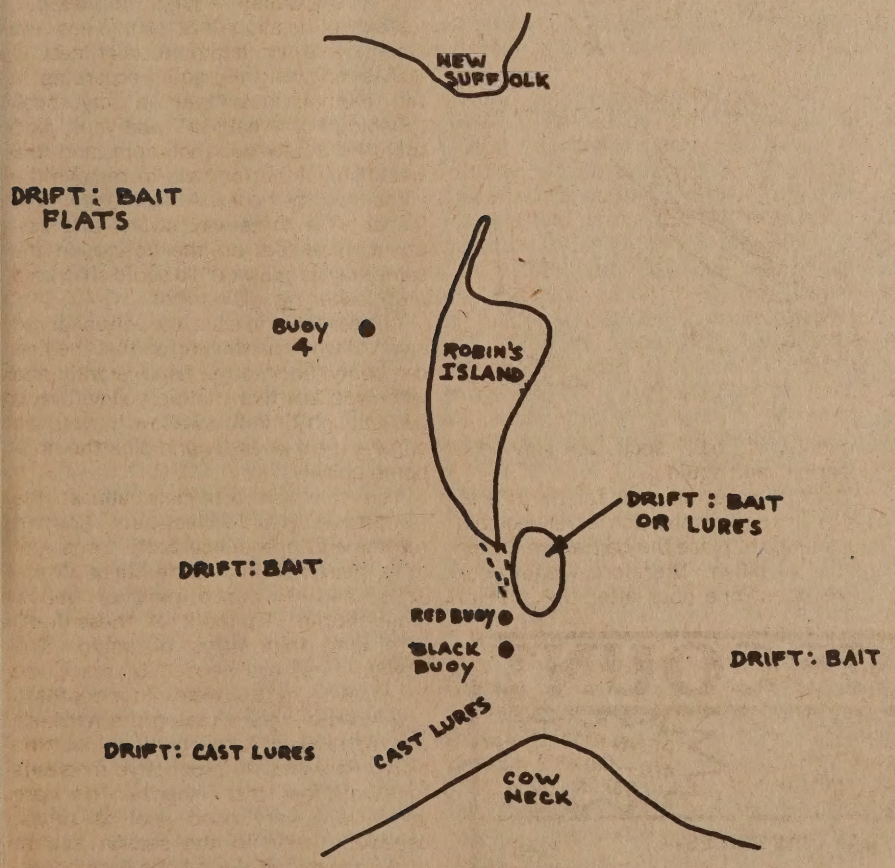
took a colleague to Peconic Bay last year because he wanted in the worst way to tangle with big weaks but he doesn't know the waters well enough to challenge them himself. I planned our day so that we arrived at buoy #4 on the northwest side about three hours before high tide. We picked a few good looking fish during the pre-flood period but "no great shakes". He was becoming impatient, so I moved into the South Race where hundreds of boats were competing and no-doubt driving the fish crazy. Again these anglers were only picking at the fish. So I moved to my favorite outgoing water spot. There is a sand bar that runs south-southeast from the southern tip of Robin's Island. It pushes into the race for several thousand feet and the water, which is only 5 feet on top of the sand bar drops off to more than twenty within the space of a dozen or so feet. The turbulence in the water as it rolls and rushes off that bar is a weakfish paradise.

Although the tide had not yet begun to drop I went through the motions of trying to catch a fish or two. In fact, we did manage a fish apiece, but when the tide started running we began taking them on every cast for about an hour or maybe two. When the action started his plead to move in amongst the fleet of boats vaporized and we fished for that period virtually alone. What a great time we had letting the tide push us to the east again and again with each drift producing at least two and sometimes four big fish. You don't have to drift far either because the fish hang-out right at the base of the drop off!

So there you have it, a good strategy for fishing the Robins's Island area for weakfish in May. Peak time is usually the middle two weeks give or take a week depending on water temperatures. Fish the northwest channel on the incoming and the south tip sand bar on the outgoing.

Check the map for further details and good luck. I'll hope to see you out there because I hate to fish alone!

Next week, Part II—Rose Grove and Jessups Neck.



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Fish can shake loose a heavy jig easier than a light one. As the fish shakes his head the weight of the diamond jig (hanging loose) will make a large hole for the hook to come free. Losing fish at the point of getting them in the boat is very common when jig fishing. More so with bluefish than bass. Anyone who ever had a bluefish slam a six ounce diamond jig across his knuckes, while trying to get the hook out, can well agree with me. Here's a trick for you. Save all the old and beat up jigs and paint them white. White jigs will sometimes outfit chrome plated ones. This usually will happen when the water is dirty, or on dark days. At Fishers Island Race, most jig fishermen paint the lure white and red. They alternate the facets so you always see a white and red at the same time.

How to 'jig' the diamond jig. Strangely enough, few fishermen really know how to jig correctly. Even though they "squid" good, they cannot jig. Most anglers raise the rod very high when jigging. Big motions without any regard for the relation of lure-to-bottom. And of course, the common error of a locked drag.

What follows now will be the proper method when working an area or piece of bottom. (Not charging after a school of bluefish that are busting water.) The first and most important rule is that the jig must hit the bottom every time it is lifted (jigged) up and down. Don't ask me why it works. I do not know. Jigging the lure in mid-water, off the bottom is a waste of time. To insure your jig of bouncing the bottom each time, you must fish with a free spool and your thumb upon the spool for control. (That is why I discounted spin rods for this fishing.) You will find that a gradual feed back of line is needed to bounce the bottom each time. This is when drifting or anchored in a tide comes into play. Jigging is most successful when drifting.

Never allow too much scope to develop in your line. For some reason the lure loses its effectiveness when this happens. Always try to fish straight up and down. Never cast while drifting and jigging. It really doesn't help.

When drifting and jigging, you will discover that a majority of the bites occur when the lure is sinking back to the bottom. The action of the lure is best then. This is why you should maintain control over your tackle. After raising the lure off the bottom with the jigging motion, you must follow the lure back down. Follow too slow, and you will kill the action. Follow too fast, and you lose control resulting in a lack of feel and missing the hit. Always keep the lure moving. Never let them get a good look at it. If you are getting bites, but continue to miss them, or they 'drop' off, try a treble hook. When you miss fish like that, it means they are not taking the lure good. Also, as the lure sinks, a single hook will fold over along side the jig and the fish will simply miss the hook.

One more thing about jigging, and just about any form of jig fishing—it works better in deep water and strong tides. I have ideas why that is so, but who the hell cares. As long as you know it does, or does not work, that's all that matters.

Something to keep in mind! Although many diamond jigs are sold with a bucktail covered hook, such as the Hopkins lure, I find them to be uneffective and even harmful. The simple jig and plain hook is best. The same for multiple rigging. Mackerel may bite their heads off on the droppers, but bass will often shy away from a cluttered rig. Always begin jig fishing with a single jig. Try multiple lures as a second choice.

When I first began fishing the only way I knew to use a jig was jigging. Slowly I became adapted to what is known as "squidding". The word squidding is an old surfcasters term. It comes from the use of block tins, or tin squids. The tin squid was cast out and retrieved. Hence, giving forth to the word squidding. We use the same word when using the jig in such a manner from the boat. A better word usage, for a boat, would be 'heave N' haul'. The same action applied. Allow the jig to sink freely. Then retrieve it at a rapid pace.

Here again the conventional rod and reel are important. Many prefer a 4 to 1 retrieve. I always found the Penn Squidder to be adequate for this. The plastic spool is better than the metal. It has less weight, and tends not to override when the line stops as the lure hits bottom. But plastic spools are weaker and will bind up under the strain of big fish...so take your pick.

For correct handling of your tackle, the rod should be placed under your left arm. Not your right! The line should always be passing between or over your fingers and thumb, both while reeling back and letting out. Feeling the line as it sinks will allow you to feel the light bites. The lure must be worked fast here. Always keep it moving, even on the 'hesitation', do not let it 'hang' too long.

The hesitation. When squidding, do not reel from top to bottom. The largest concentration of fish are at the bottom. Retrieve your line rapidly for about 5 to 10 feet. Stop, hesitate, and wait for a bite. (No more than 3 seconds, under some conditions, longer). I do not count turns when I retrieve. I can feel the weight of the lure coming with me, then I stop. This is the part of squidding you have to play with. Bluefish are all over the place. You may find a retrieve all the way up to the boat works best. Experiment with this one. The man who can make the changes will catch more.

Squidding works equally well when drifting, as at anchor. If the fish you pursue are stationary, dropping the anchor and ending up over the fish will work. One must make sure to work the jig correctly and fast. Unlike drifting, where the mere motion of the jig drifting along will stimulate interest in fish, lying at anchor puts the burden of performance squarely on the angler. You may want to try casting off to the sides. This will give you a wider radius to work in. Only cast at anchor.

Beware of dropping the anchor amongst a fleet of boats fishing. The trouble you may encounter is not worth the fish. Not merely trollers hanging up their rigs on the anchor line, (very common occurance), but anchors being caught up in propellers. More than once I have seen a drifting boat or troller trying to free his rig from the anchor and smash into the anchored boat. This can end in boat damage and physical harm. If nothing else the air will be blue from the obscenities being shouted your way,

especially weekends. So try to stay over your fish via a buoy, or range, and drift. Keep the peace, brother.

Another method is slow trolling the diamond jig. I recommend stern controls in your boat for this style of fishing. Stern controls with a tiller bar. To be able to work the line and control the boat, at the same time, a tiller bar is needed. With the tiller the fisherman can steer with his body. This leaves his hands free to work the rod and reel. Control of the boat is vital in fishing tight areas and strong tides. Also in heavy traffic. Outboard boats are impossible to control in this manner when wind enters the picture. Unlike normal trolling, where you may troll at about 800 RPM, you troll at an idle. Very little headway is made in this manner, making a shallow draft boat difficult to handle.

One advantage of an outboard is the ability to throttle down to where the boat will actually go backwards in a strong tide. Taking advantage of this ability, the fisherman can really do a jog. My last outboard was manual operated. No steering wheel. The steering handle was placed between my knees. I fished backwards to where I was going, turning my head continually to avoid collision.

I am sure you will agree on ease of boat handling being very important after reading this paragraph. As the boat moves very slowly thru the water, or simply hangs there (similar to being at anchor) the jig is dropped back freely to the bottom. As soon as you bounce the bottom engage the drag and slowly turn the handle. Very slowly. Turn the handle maybe 3 turns and hesitate, then drop back again and repeat. Depending on speed of boat, weight of jig, pound test line, strength of tide and depth of water, you will repeat this 2 to 3 times before reeling in and starting all over. This little process of heave and hauling can be extremely difficult to master. Practice here, as in the other methods of using a jig, is a must.

A great many fishermen have given up trying to catch bass this way. They seem unable to put it all together. The biggest problem is their inability to feel the lure hit the bottom when dropping back. Without starting off from the bottom your chances are poor. No matter how you may retrieve, fast or slow, or simply dragging the lure before dropping back again, your chances of getting a hit is excellent as long as you hit the bottom each time back.

As the boat moves slowly by, or the tide pushes past, the jig will fall back further from the boat as is sinks. Most times you are unable to feel it bounce. So instead of feeling for the bounces, look for it. Point the rod at the line and watch for that little belly motion when the lure hits. Remember, the lure must sink as

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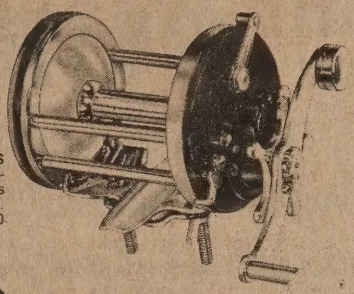

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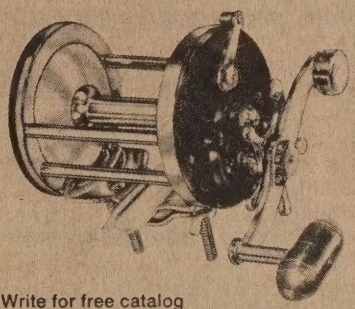

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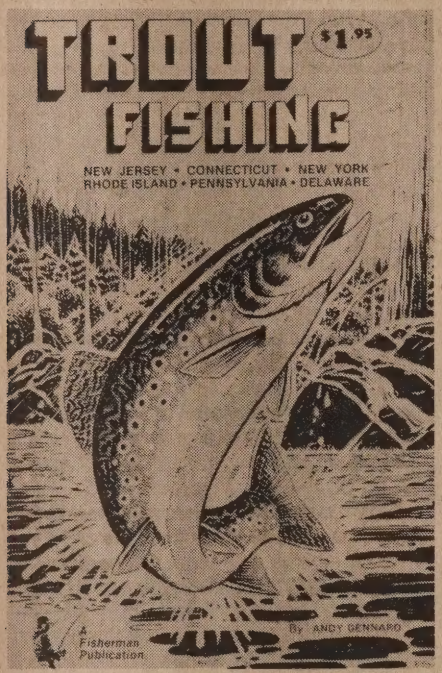

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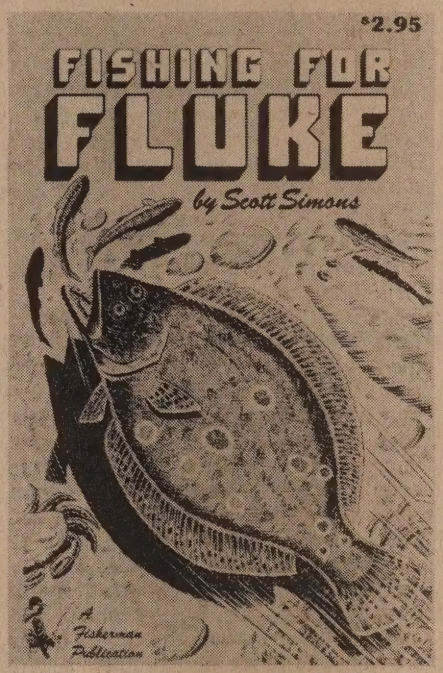

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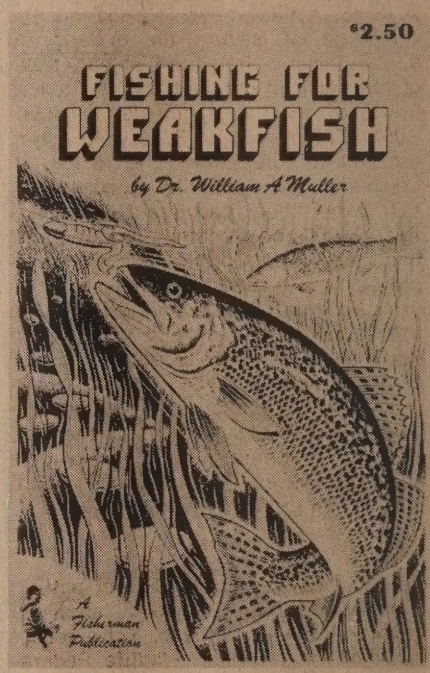

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CONSERVATION COMMENTS *by Al Ristori*

A recent AP release detailed a tremendous effort on the part of federal agents to crack the "Gator Connection". Two years of effort and great expense led to the capture of a ring in the process of smuggling 509 contraband aligator hides (worth $30,000) from New Orleans to Newark. The hides than would have gone to Europe. The final arrest was made at Meg Import Corp. in Newark as the skins were being graded and salted. A great achievement in meeting the challenge of saving an endangered species? Not quite—the last paragraph of the article detailed the sentences imposed on the criminals involved. "John T. Kelly, 34, of Breezy Point NY, accused of obtaining the skins in Louisiana, pleaded quilty to conspiracy to transport them. Last month, Kelly was fined $2000 and placed on probation for two years. Klapisch (import firm employee) was fined $2000 and placed on probation for three years. The Meg Import Corp. was fined $5000." Not a day in jail and inconsequential fines for an illegal shipment worth $30,000! It's a little wonder that such activities continue when the judicial system writes them off so easily. Skinning the judges that give such sentences might prove more effective in protecting the alligator!

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Conventional wisdom holds that putting a highway through a natural area will have very adverse effects. Yet a recent issue of the National Wildlife Federation's "Conservation News" reports a West Virginia University study that seems to indicate otherwise. A study of U.S. 48, going through Coopers Rock State Forest, found meadow mice and rabbits flourishing in the grassy areas bordering the highway. They, in turn, attracted their natural predators, such as owls, fox and hawks. White-tailed deer and turkeys did not decrease in numbers as a result of highway construction, although the turkey populations moved back from the road about one-tenth of a mile.

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Everyone interested in the seas around us should try to attend the American Littoral Society Symposium to be held this year on April 3rd, at Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue in New York. Both afternoon and evening sessions will feature interesting films and panels which will provide deep insights into the sea and its creatures. During the afternoon session. Graham Macmillan, Society tagging director, will present the Garcia Tagging Awards to the leading fish taggers working with the society's tags. There are both individual and club awards. The ALS tagging program is open to everyone. Tags are sold at 5 for a dollar and may be applied to any fish with the needle provided. Both tags and tickets may be obtained from the American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. Tickets are $2.50 for the afternoon session and $3.50 at night—or $5 for both. These prices apply only to advance orders (available also at Central Skindivers in Jamaica and Bellmore). Rates at the door will be somewhat higher.

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Long Island Congressman Norman Lent, original sponsor of the Emergency Committee to Save America's Marine Resources' 200 Mile Bill, continues to fight for fisheries protection as a member of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. With the 200 mile bill passed, Lent is now pressing for adequate financing of the Coast Guard, in order that it may fulfill its mission to enforce the limit. Surprisingly, it won't cost a great deal more to enforce the 200 miles than it now costs to patrol the 12 mile limit. Coast Guard planes already patrol offshore waters to keep track of foreign fleets and, as Lent noted, the major grounds and migratory patterns are well known. A bigger problem for the Coast Guard is their responsibility in monitoring pollution by vessels in transit through the 200 mile zone. The Coast Guard doesn't have enough planes to do the job but can tremendously increase their capability with side-looking radar. The Office of Management and Budget cut in half the Coast Guard request for four units, a move that will have an adverse effect on patrol capabilities in the 200 mile zone. The difference is only $856,000, a miniscule figure in a foreign aid bill, for instance. Lent and his collegues are trying to restore the money, but it makes you wonder just what our priorities in government are!

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A strange "war" is being waged against Russian whalers off the northern California coast, from Mendocino, the former Imperial Russian Colony. "Mendocino Rose" broadcasts a message to the Russian fleet three times a week, asking the sailors to stop killing whales and take refuge ashore. Mendocino residents enjoy watching the whale migrations that pass their coastline and are boycotting the products of Russian and Japan nations that still permit whaling. The demise of many species of whales is a good illustration of the ineffectiveness of international commissions. Despite biologists recommendations that whaling should be stopped, the Soviet Union and Japan have decided to continue the slaughter.

The Angler (A Poem)

by Anonymous

The silent guardian of the beach
The Angler
He's quick of thought and slow of speech
The Angler.
Whom patience teaches manners mild
Who's ready to instruct the child
By natures flowing seas beguiled
The Angler.

Who builds his life around the tide?
The angler.
and carries home his catch with pride
The Angler.
His hobby is the best of sports,
He party-boats from many ports
with loving care returns the shorts.
The Agler.

Who often times may shun the crowd,
The Angler.
Who has been known to curse aloud
The Angler.
He'll rise at night to steal away,
Unheeding what some others say,
He loves the dawn, a new born day.
The Angler.

His quarry is the scaled and finned,
The Angler.
His media, the sea and wind,
The Angler.
With tackle box, gaff and rod
on Hatteras of Old Cape Cod
You'll find a guy attuned to god.
The Angler.

The Mighty Mackerel

by Capt. Ron Onorato

My tiny spoon had just hit the surface and I was letting it sink a few feet, when the line went slack. I quickly threw the reel into gear and took up all the slack. No sooner had I done that, when the fish made a mad dash away from the boat. In a single, powerful run, the fish took out a nice piece of line from my light spinning reel. Gradually the fish tired after its first run and soon was brought alongside the boat. Reaching into the water, I took the fish in one hand and grabbed the spoon with the other. A quick shake and the barbless hooks came right out of the mackerel's mouth, and in a second he was on his way again.

It was the last week of April, and the mackerel were really stacked up east of buoy 4 off Long Beach. The ocean was in one if its finer moments with just the slightest of a roll and near lake-like conditions. It was here that a good portion of the party boat fleet was scattered around the area.

The water depth was around 70 feet and from the markings on my recorder, the macks ranged from 8 to 12 feet below the surface. Since this was my second trip of the year for mackerel, and on the first trip we really loaded up, there was no need to amass a large quantity of fish for the freezer. Today was strictly a light-tackle day and any uninjured fish were released.

I was using a 6 foot light action spinning rod with a small reel of 6 pound test monofilament. I had used this outfit in the past for weaks with good results, and there was no reason why it shouldn't work equally well for the macks. A ½ ounce crocodile spoon with the barbs shaved off the tip had always produced well in the past, and was the weapon of the day.

Because it was a weekday, there were no other takers to join me on this pleasant day on the water. The wind was just a breeze from the southwest, so I pulled the boat well upwind of some of the party boats and began casting.

Like so many other times, action came quickly. I had a hit on the first cast, but missed the fish. The next cast was quiet, while the third produced a fish. I just let the lure sink a few seconds before beginning a fairly rapid retrieve. Almost every cast produced a hit, and more often than not a fish.

The mackerel, as they usually are, were very cooperative. I stayed on that one particular drift for about an hour before the fish moved on. All the while, the fish hit the spoon, and on several occasions came pretty close to the top of the water to hit it.

It wasn't hard to locate another patch of fish. I headed the boat south and ran slowly with the recorder on. Some five minutes underway, the recorder marked out a large concentration of fish. The fleet had pretty much ganged up to the north and there were no other boats in the immediate area.

Once again the fish jumped right on the little spoon. Fortunately all of the macks I hooked that day were lightly hooked and all were released unharmed. This drift was better than the first one, for the mackerel stayed with the boat for close to two hours before scattering.

Rather than seek out another school, I called it a day. The weather and the fish had both cooperated to make this a most enjoyable day on the water.

As the month of April winds itself down and May approaches, boatmen on Long Island keep a weather eye out for the first contingents of mackerel. Mackerel are a densely schooling and rapidly moving species. Like all members of the tuna family, the mackerel lacks an air bladder, and must forever keep swimming or will perish. It is this fact that makes him such a formidable adversary.

Mackerel like cool water temperatures and a plentiful supply of bait. He first appears off the Jersey Coast sometime in April, and within days spreads to the regions off Long Island. The schools will stay off the south shore of Long Island through most of May and then move out. Some of the fish will spread into Long Island Sound, and have been known to stay in the western reaches through June. With the coming of the real warm water temperatures, they head for their summering grounds off New England and Canada.

Though many anglers enjoy eating mackerel, they are basically an oily fish best suited for use as bait for other fish species. Indeed, the mackerel is the basic forage food for virtually all of Long Island's gamefish, and its importance in the food chain link is very high.

I along with a great many other fishermen, make several trips for mackerel. The first trip is strictly a freezer-filling deal whereby I catch enough macks to last me through the upcoming season. Once enough mackerel have been acquired for bait, I break out the light tackle and have some fun fishing.

By far and away the most effective rig for catching several mackerel at a time is the diamond jig with several small tubes rigged ahead of it. To the mackerel, this appears to be a school of baitfish. Once a single mackerel is hooked, others see the

tubes and grab them. At times it is possible to catch as many as four or five macks at once.

Any sort of light to medium boat rod with 20 pound test line is as heavy as you need go. I have seen codfish rods and tuna reels used by many party boat patrons, but this is really overdoing it.

Two or three ounce diamond jigs are about the standard sizes that are used. Tiny "tinker tubes" are then rigged at intervals of a few inches ahead of the jig. Colors seem of little importance, as the macks seem to hit everything.

When using this rig, you simply lower the jig to the bottom and reel it all the way to the top quickly. If there are any macks around, it wouldn't take too long to find out about it. Try to remember how close on the top you got the hit. Then lower the jig to that level and work it there. All you have to do is lift the rod tip sharply and then lower it again. The strike may come on the uplift, or as the jig is sinking. If the hit comes when it is sinking, it feels as though there is no weight on your line. The mackerel has grabbed it and is swimming with it. The best thing to do here is to take up all the slack in the line and reel in very quickly. This usually hooks the fish.

If you have assured yourself of a good supply of macks, and really want to have some fun, then it's time to use light spinning rods. For a fish that may only weigh a pound, it puts up a remarkable battle on the light stuff.

Any sort of fresh water spinning outfit with either 4 or 6 pound test mono is all you need. These outfits will handle the light lures that you will be using when casting to the fish.

Almost any bright, shiny lure such as a jig or spoon will work. Small wobblers and small diamond jigs are both used successfully. The smaller spoons and jigs are easier for the macks to grab. If you plan on releasing the fish, file the barbs off the hook. As long as you keep a taut line an don't allow any slack, few if any fish will be lost. The idea here with light tackle is the attaining of maximum sport from the fish. If you want to load up, stick to the heavier tackle.

The mackerel usually show up near the top when the wind and sea conditions are calm. The baitfish come up during such conditions, and the macks follow them right up. On the ocean, these days are few and far between, but on the Sound, they occur rather frequently. Fly casters also get their licks in when the fish are up on top. Any bright streamer with some mylar added for flashing will work on these windless days when used with a sinking line.

If the mackerel become scattered as they sometimes are, then it pays to bring along a little mossbunker chum. You can chum very lightly and a couple of quarts

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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

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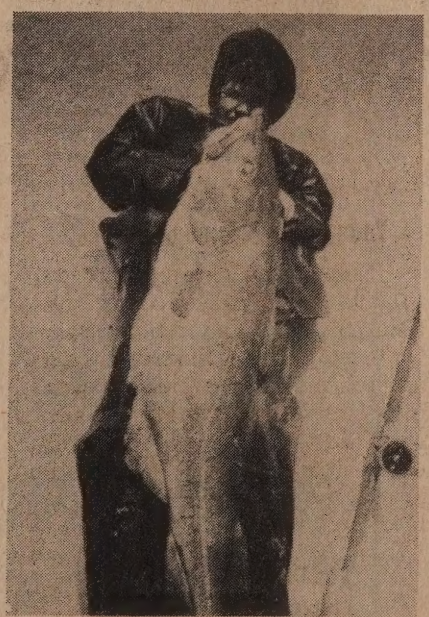
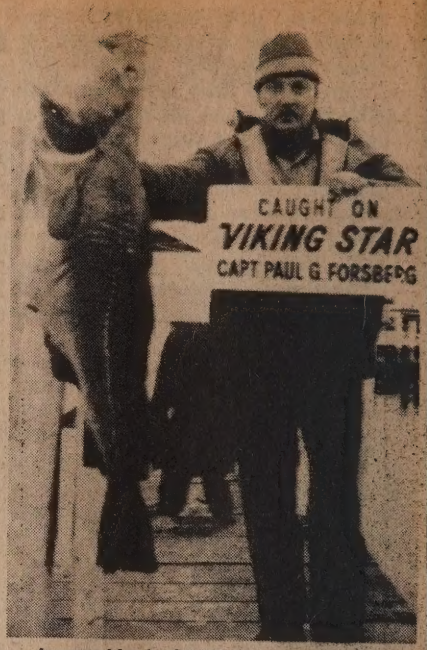
Capt. Lester Behan of the **Peconic Queen III** reported that the fishing last Thursday was fantastic, with only 66 anglers accounting for over 1,000 cod. Fishing on Friday was also very good until about 10 A.M. when the fishing suddenly took a nose dive. Saturday was completely dead despite the beautiful weather, but things picked up considerably on Sunday southeast of Block Island. Lester told us that the time isn't right yet for Coxe's Ledge. the snowshoe flounder aren't in yet but should be starting soon. There are still a few openings on the May 23r Nantucket Wreck Trip, but you better hurry if you don't want to get shut out.

Capt. Brad Glas of the **Helel II** confirmed the excellent cod action southeast of Block Island on Thursday and Friday. They clobbered the fish on both days with pool fish in the forties. Average catch per man was one or two bags of fish. Pollack of mixed sizes and large blackfish of 10 to 12 pounds were also mixed in the catches. Brad reported an excellent response for his "20/20 Special" in May, which is $20 a head for a maximum of 20 anglers. Most dates are already sold out with only 4 openings left for the May 15th trip, so if you want to beat those large weekend crowds you better make your reservations quickly.



Peter Wallace of Brooklyn took the $600.00 pool aboard the Peconic Queen III with this 55 lb. cod caught on the Nantucket Wreck Trip.

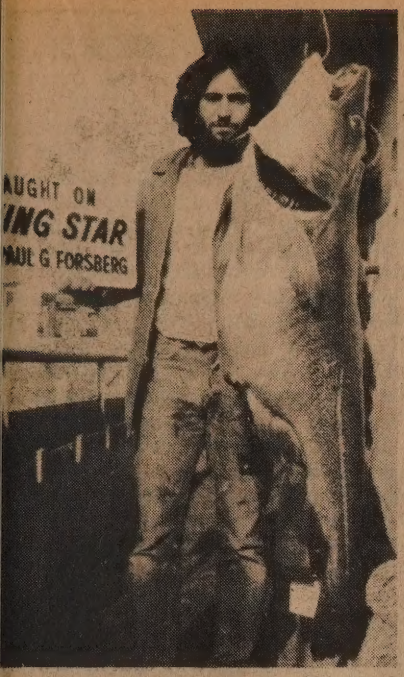


James Krul of Hillside caught this 60 lb. cod aboard the Viking Star.

The **Viking Star** also reported excellent fishing during the week, a big lull on Saturday and fishing picking up again on Sunday.

Capt. Warren Hader of the charterboat **Devilfish** called to tell us that he made his first trip of the season on Friday with excellent results. About 20 cod were taken up to 43 pounds with three pollack up to 12 pounds, also taking the clam baits. The angler's aboard were Vinny Ricciardi of the Bronx, and friends. This fishing was done on the rocky bottom south of Block Island in 110 feet of water. On Saturday, Warren moved to outer Cartwright where the party took a mixed bag of cod, blackfish to 8 pounds, a few whiting, ling and mackerel. Warren said the schools of mackerel showed up on his Elac graph recorder 30 to 60 feet thick. Warren also said he is planning on making some offshore charters for porgeable sharks around the full moon in May. Best times to hit these bruisers should be between May 13th and 17th, so interested shark fishermen should give him a call.

Ronnie of the **Gone Fishing Marina** called to tell us of the flounder bonanza in Montauk Lake. On Saturday Urban Miyares and his wife from New York City took 60 flounders. All were over a pound and many were close to 2 pounds. On Sunday they repeated with 55 big flounder. Codfishing was poor over the weekend, but the inshore fishing for cod should be breaking lose very soon for the skiff fishermen.



Tony Passante took the pool aboard the Viking Star with his 52 lb. cod. Photo courtesy of the Viking Fishing Fleet.

The Marlin III reports that Friday and Sunday each saw 70 passengers boat roughly 500 cod and pollack, for each of these two days. Captain Richard Rade fished the Block Island waters and 14 pounds was the average size cod or pollack reeled in. These were a new run of green fish. The pool fish on Sunday was 42 pounds.

Captain Mike of the **Super Shark** had 3 men out on a Saturday charter, bagging 76 big Montauk flounder, 1½ to 3½ pounds fishing local Montauk waters. Mussel/worm combos and clam baits did the job on the flood.

Capt. Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** called to report he has been fishing Block Island all week and it has been good to excellent. Good Friday was excellent with anglers going home with between a half-bag to over full bags of cod.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** said the flounder fishing was best in Acabonac Harbor this past weekend. Catches ranged from a couple to 40 per boat. Some flounder as large as 3 or 3½ pounds have been taken. Mussels are the best bait for the flounder and they have also been taken while drifting. Slack high tide has been best.

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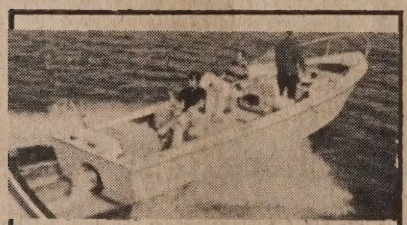

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W. Brunnner, F. Diefel, F. Clamser and B. Hammer with 53 nice 1-2 lb. flounder taken in Napeaque Harbor. Photo courtesy of Promised Land Fishing Station.

SAG HARBOR

Flounder fishing has been very good, the best in years we are told. The Ratti Family of North Babylon, fishing the Monastery, hung 50 to 60 large flounder 1¼ to 2½ pounds on sandworms and chum. A large porgy, the first of the season out there, was taken at the Monastery also. World famous angler Rus (flounder belly) Brown and two buddies ended up with a bushel of big flounder over the weekend, running up to 3 pounds. Last week, under Sag Harbor we reported erroniously that 18 flounder were the total weight of 18 pounds was taken by the Alberts family. This was a typo, and it should have read 18 flounder with a total weight of 32 pounds.

SHINNECOCK

The Captain Clark Boats did an excellent job on the large flounder on Easter Sunday when the fishng pressure was light. Twenty eight anglers took over 325 flounder ranging from 1 to 2 pounds. Best area is still in Flanders Bay just east of Indian Island. Fishing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday was also excellent. The last two hours of incoming water is best and red-dyed clams are the preferred bait not.

HAMPTON BAYS

Skipper's Fishing Station tells us that Phil Cohen of Syossett boated 45 flounder Saturday, one to one and a quarter pounds, hot spots being buoys 1 and 17, all tides on bloodworms, sandworms and mussel chum. Dennis and Sue Weiner had 36 flatties on each of two days that they stayed at Skippers Motel, all nice sized fish. Skipper's daughter, Ann, surprised everyone by taking a 3½ pound fluke on a flounder rig at buoy 1.

MORICHES BAY

Very good flounder fishing at buoys 4 in the east and buoys 17 and 19 in th west according to Bob Cole at Moriche Bait and Tackle. The flounder are takin bloodworms and the bigger catches ar with heavy mussel chum. Striped bas fishng has been tried with no reportabl results. Smith Point Bridge has ha couple of weakfish taken on squid.

Seatuck Cove Fishing Station report very good flounder fishing at buoy 42 There have been as many as 90-9 flounder from ¾ to 1 pound caught there. Bloodworms and mussel chum di the trick.

Dick at **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** tells us lots of boats out all week and weekend and that on Saturday Joe Koller of Kings Park with wife and daughter, boated 38 good sized flounder by the Westhampton Bridge on bloodworms and mussel chum. Friday, Saturday and Sunday were great days with catches averaging 50 flounder per boat, from ¾ to 1½ pounds, and fat. Hot spots are north of buoy 42 at the mouth of Seatuck Cove, and east of buoy 43 about 500 yards.

WEST SAYVILLE

We had to hear it from someone else. **Young's Fishing Station** called to tel us that our own L.I.F. art department staffer Patricia Conigliaro along with John Lopinto caught 15 flounder at buoy 16, fishing worms in the afternoon. These fish were ¾ to 1 pound, according to Pat.

Captain Bill of the charterboat **Friendship** did a job on the flounder on Friday with 82 flatties for 6 men, fish running

Charles and Leo Hoffman caught these 60 flounder just northwest of buoy 42 using bloodworms for bait and chumming with bank mussels. Photo courtesy of Seatuck Cove Fishing Station.

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North And South Shore

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OUR EDITOR

MICKEY CHIARENZA

Fisherman for twenty six years, he traveled the trolley's and trains as a boy to get to the local piers. After graduating to the Party boats, he enlisted in the U.S.Navy to serve three years on a destroyer (fishing off the fantail . Fresh out of the service he found a home working as a mate aboard a charter boat for four years. Looking for another challenge, he bought a jeep and traveled the island in pursuit of fish. Today he is an accomplished fisherman with all the know how's and where's. His work and experience will be passed on to the many fisherman who will seek out his advice.

Editorial. . . Get up and go get em'—

For many years I have watched fisherman, fishing with the wrong bait, fishing for a fish out of season, at the wrong place wrong tide and using the wrong tackle! It is my contention that nine out of ten fisherman need help. I was that fellow in the wrong place awhile back, but I made up my mind that no matter how long it took or how many times I was going to come home skunked I was going to keep on trying and reading all I could until that day came when I could hold up a big fish. The day came and all the time that transpired in between was well worth it.

It's a pity to see a father and son go out fishing during the peak of the season and come home only to tell mom "you should have seen the fish we saw a man catch ma!" and show a empty basket for the day's effort.

Fishing is a great challenge;it provides fun and sport and.food in the freezer and the entire family can enjoy it. All it takes is a little learning and before you know it you'll be in the right place on the right tide using the right bait with the right tackle and fighting"the right fish!"

A poet once said:
"Doubt not, therefore, Sir but that angling is an art, and an art worth your learning. The question is rather whether you be capable of learning it For angling is somewhat like poetry, men are born to be so.."

NORTH SHORE

In Smithtown Bay the flounders took the limelight away from their brothers on the south shore by showing up in numbers and size The area off Sunken Meadow Park, and Short Beach have produced fish up to three pounds! Stoney Brook Harbor has the same news, so it's safe to assume the fish have inhabited Smithtown Bay. In Bayville the faces look happy on the flounder fisherman and looking at their catch I could see why. Plenty of fish seems to be the rule so get the rod out don't forget the hooks and sinker pick the blood worms up at the tackle shop read our how to page in this copy and your in business

More on flounders on page 6.

SOUTH SHORE

North or south, east or west you can't go wrong with the flatties this weekend as long as we have the weather to go with it. Down at Oak Beach near the Ceader Beach Overlook the fish seem to be there in tremendous quantities. Jerry Monaco of the Oak Beach General store reports that a Father Joe Mahlek yanked in 200 flounders and released sixty! Great South Bay flounders have been playing hide and seek with the fisherman. If you can find them there's some fine fish among them, and when they're gone you have to play the game again. Conditions change so let's hope they'll be more cooperative in the next few days. Fish are plentiful at Moriches with the big ones mixed in. Shinnecock canal has been producing as usual, and over at the inlet striper hopefuls have been dunking worms in hopes for their first bass.

STRIPERS

Totten Bay is the place!, We received the news minutes before press time and did our best to get it in. The report has it that fifteen bass were taken up to eighteen pounds! Our best guess is that they were taken on sand worms cast or drifted from a boat, but shore caster's will probably see action soon.

Your reporter was out trying to catch a bass last weekend without success, but it was learned that a small bass was taken the night before. All week reports have been coming in of striper news on our south shore. It appears fish have been caught but all in the "short" size category. Any day now we should have headline news of south shore bass.

,Although the bass presently being caught in the Little Neck BAy area are from the Hudson River migration, the ocean or Chesapeake bass usually follow soon after.. Water temperatures is the factor, and since both of these bodies of fish Wear stripes it's a good sign..

Barnaget Bay N.J. has been enjoying the finest kind of bass fishing for the past two weeks, their movement is expected soon..

The surf regulars should be out in full force this weekend flinging worms out to the bars, blood worms are recommended since they are easier to keep on a hook. During the cast anything else could easily fly off.

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SATURDAY-----	8.59	9.11	12.01	12.25	12.26	12.56	9.46	9.52
SUNDAY------	10.41	10.53	1.43	2.13	2.08	2.04	11.28	11.34
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WHERE TO FIND FLOUNDERS

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TACKLE USED

Tackle used can be of any medium on the market today, the one thing that's important is that it should be LIGHT TACKLE !! Sometimes a big flounder can bite with a very feeble touch, If you were using a broom stick, you would never know a flounder was biting at the end of your line.

BAIT & CHUM

Blood worms is the usual cry early in the morning at the tackle and bait shop, sand worms can be used but the wise fisherman soon learn that he can usually catch quite a few flounders with the same cut bloodworm bait..Mussels is very good if you have the patience to boil them first so they will harden enought to get on a hook a hold on awile. Mussels is a very good chum, as is kernel corn or rice.

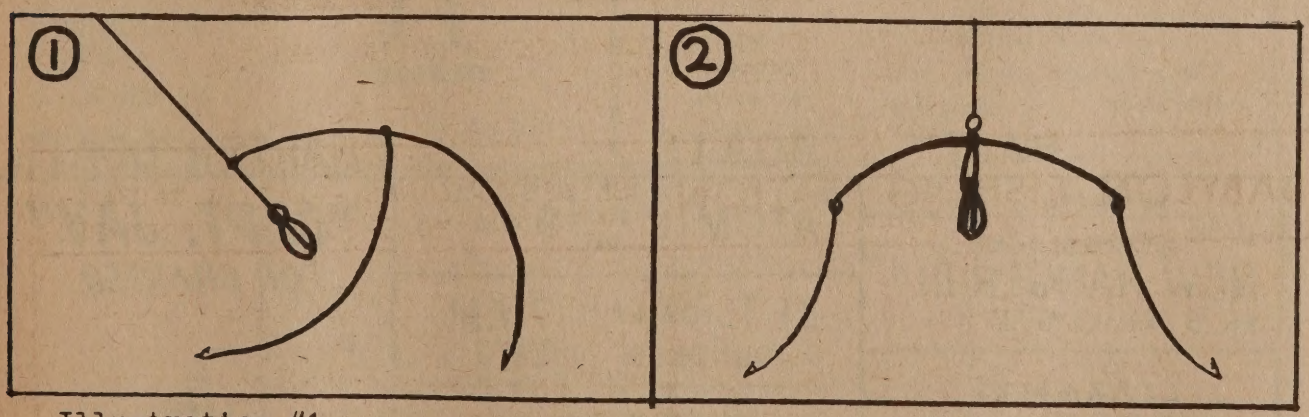

Illustration #1
For boat or beach fishing this rig is prefered. A trick that usually works is to slowly move the rig about a foot and then let it rest. Curious flounders follow and start nibbling when it comes to rest,

Illustration #2
The spreader rig is good, fishing from a boat it helps keep the hooks from tangling and the shiney metal attracks them.

FISHLINES by Capt. JAY SCHICK

It feels good-- a new season!! A new paper!!! A new look on the fishing season!!

Last year because of the draught we found the oceanic species not up to previous years. This year we have had and are getting rain. This washes down plankton and other types of food. So we look forward to a much better fishing year than last!!!

Sheepshead Bay boats are doing well with the cod. These are small fish for the most part, but there is activity!! Flounders are keeping the boys' happy in Jamaica Bay.

As we move up the "finger" Debs inlet shows a strong supply of flounders and some offshore cod. Fire Island inlet shows cod on the offshore wrecks. Plenty of flounders in the bay. The same holds for Moriches and Shinnecock

Montauk is the best bet for sustained action! Small cod are plentiful with an occasional lunker mixed in. Pollack are starting to show and the snowshoe flounders are rapidly reaching their peak.

The big report of course is the news of stripers!! A huge school of fish has been playing off Brigantine Beach one and a half miles north of Atlantic city for two weeks now. So far they have shown us no movement north!! However any day the migration will start and then mayhem ?? We hope!

The green sheet showed bluefish from North Carolina for the first time this year------let hope they get here early and stay late----!

OFFSHORE HOTSPOT "FIXES" FOR BOATMEN

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CHOLERA BANKS
Small cod, bergalls and some pollack.

MIDDLE OF ISLAND--
Wreck fishing pending.

EAST END OF ISLAND
Hooter grounds and 20 mins. east all producing heavy..best bet this coming week.

BEST BET FOR INSHORE AND BAY FISHERMAN

All bays producing flounders Jamaica Bay doing well--Rockaway bulkheads for shore fishermen (bring the family)

Debs inlet, especially on the change of tide.

Opposite the High school in Reynolds channel--great !

State channel at Gilgo, Tobay all doing well.

Moriches Shinnecock canal doing well from west side.

Montauk Lake - any pick will produce.

BULLETIN

A report just reached us that a 53½lb. cod was brought in details were not available at this time but we did learn that it was taken on the "Carthwright Grounds".

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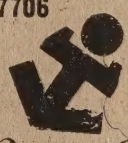

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Marty at **South Bay Fishing Station** says the flounder fishing has been great all week long including the weekend with the northeast area of buoy 29 about 100 yards distance up into the flats in five feet of water, working best with bloodworms and chum. Incoming is best, boats averaging 65 flounder average fish a pound up to 1½ pounds.

EAST ISLIP

Don at **Wet-A-Line Bait and Tackle** says that the buoy 4 area of Heckscher and the buoy 2 area off East Islip Beach are producing the best flounder action on hi-incoming with bloodworms and mussel chum. Fish are averaging 1½ pounds, 6 to 8 fish per man. Weakfish are in the bays but not taking lures or baits as of yet.

OAKBEACH

The Store reports flounder to the tune of 8 to 10 per man, no problem at the north side of **The Store** on bloodworms off the small pier or the beaches along side the pier. A 7 pound blackfish was taken over the weekend off the bulkhead south of The Store on a worm tipped flounder rig by Al Lloyd of Westbury at the top of the flood. Two other blacks and some porgies and eels were taken from the bulkhead on bloodworms as well.

CAPTREE

The **Capt. Ben Litwin** reported that the flounder fishing was pretty poor during the week but picked up a little on Sunday. Best area lately has been around the sore thumb. On Sunday a 16 inch fluke and several sea robins were taken in that area, a good sign of things to come.

Capt. Carl Bauer of the **Capt. Whittaker** reported fair flounder action on Sunday at the Sore Thumb with an average of 7 to 15 flounder per man. At slack tide they fished a wreck in the bay and took about 50 blackfish up 2½ pounds on clam baits.

The **Lady Ann** reports flounder fishing has been a little tough all week, with

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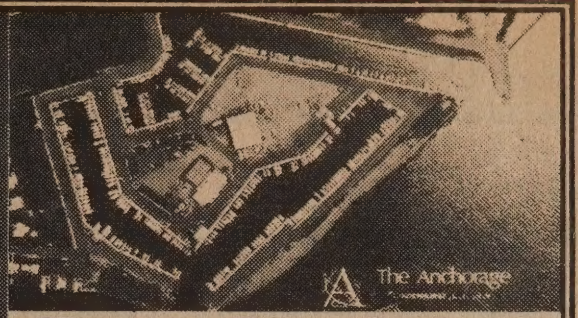

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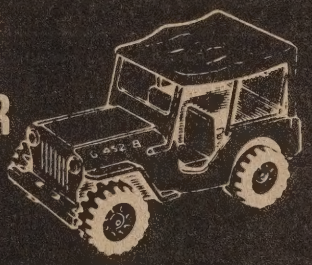

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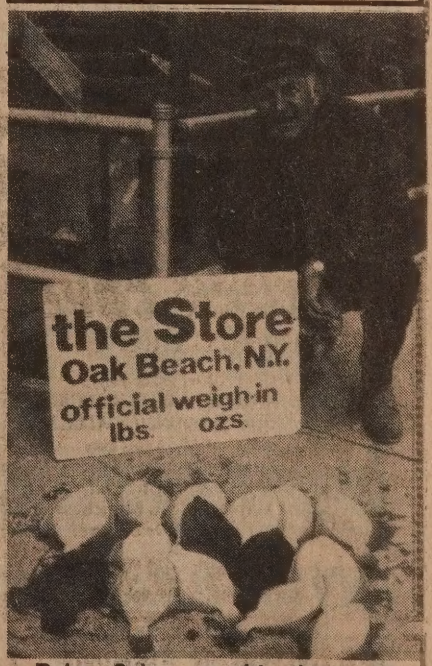

Duke Spina caught these 23 flounder up to 2 lbs. on worms and mussels on the north side of the Store on the incoming tide. Photo courtesy of The Store.

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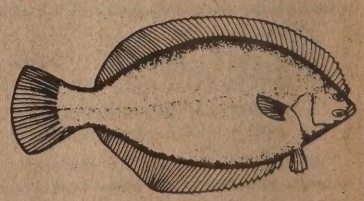

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Charlie's Fishing Station reports lots of flounder to be had between the pool and to the west, to the tune of 25-30 per man, fish ¾ to 1¼ pounds on bloodworms. Stir up the bottom. Hi-incoming is the tide that is producing best. The notorious Doc Grell came back with a load of mackerel up to 2 pounds taken at the Bell Buoy outside the inlet.

LINDENHURST

Charlie's Bait and Tackle reports flounder fishing great just about all over the bay with Grass Island being the hottest of the hot spots, per jackie with bloodworms and mussel chum. Kasters are doing well also off the Sore Thumb. Offshore mackerel fishing is building and there are even some taken in Fire Island Inlet with bunker chum. Two fluke were taken from the Copaigue pole on squid strips.

Captain Bob Schaefer of the **Lazy Day II** says flounder fishing picked up over th weekend, with the average catch being 12 flounder per man. Bill fished the state channel and the Heckscher flats.

Bullet skipper Jay Porter revealed his latest seasons plans to us just a couple of days ago. Jay says that on Tuesdays, starting in May, regular and good customers will sail FREE for tilefish. The only catch is that the boat gets all the fish but one, which the angler may keep. Now get this....whoever catches the most tilefish that day gets $100 from the boat. The people who qualify for the free trips will be determined by the boat as to who is a regular and good customer. The fish will be sold at the Fulton Fish Market, and Jay expects these Tuesday trips to be crowded with human winches, as several thousand pounds of fish should be taken per trip.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle says the best flounder fishing is at West Island, Wanser's Cut and the 3rd Wantagh Bridge on the ebb tide with mussels and worms for bait and mussel chum. Blackfish are being taken at the Wantagh Bridges, and George says he will have green crabs by the weekend if A few weaks have been taken in the state channel at Gilgo on hi-low rigs with sandworms and squid. Mackerel are spotty offshore. George says that the worm diggers in Maine may go on strike very soon for higher wages which will very likely force the price of worms up a bit, the idea of which irks us all.

SEAFORD

Salice Boat Basin reports Squaw Island and Four Corners are the hot spots now for flounder with bloodworm baits and mussel chum. The fish are fat and there are more of them now, all tides.

Captain Eddie's Fishing Station reports flounder quantity and quality increasing. The tennis court is producing very well, fish ¾ to 1½ pounds on bloodworms, mussels and dyed clam on all tides. The Massapequa Cove area is doing well also. Two fluke were taken from Sloop Channel on Squid.

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle tells us that the flounder fishing is really good this past week and weekend, though it was a little slower this past Thursday and Friday. The weekend saw Squaw and West Islands producing best, as was the Massapequa shoreline between Fort Neck Point and Florence Beach. Ebb tide worked the best with bloodworms and mussel chum. Offshore mackerel should be close by the weekend. No weakfish reports as of yet.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports Wednesday and Thursday poor, but Friday, Saturday and Sunday were very good on the last of the ebb. Waleneck Point and the Golfcourse were hot Saturday but cold Sunday. The S turn and Swift Creek were also hot and cold. The catches were of fat fish from ¾ to a 1¼.

On Sunday L.I.F. staffer Stu Miller and Sammy sam the wild eyed Lynbrook plumber had to work very hard for fish. It was a drop here and a drop there, with the best catch being made south of the second Red Top channel marker once you got out of Woodcleft canal, fishing in five feet of water on the east side of the channel. Boat traffic was murderous, and we very nearly had one idiot son of a -----in a speedboat porposing down the channel almost landed on top of Stu's 14 foot tin boat. Your reporter would personally like to see all these speed boat freaks towed out beyond the 200-mile limit to make their noise and harass the Russian fleets, and stop annoying their fellow Americans. This particular speed boat would certainly qualify for the concrete block award, if found.

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Captain Johnny A stayed with the flounder this week. It was very good on Saturday but so-so the rest of the week.

Dave Pigott of the **Lucky Strike III** took out the Bent Rod Fishing Club of Flushing. There were 12 people fishing for flounder and they took 131 fish. The flounders ranged in size from ¾ to 2¼ pounds and were taken on worms. Leon Glassgold took the pool with a 2½ pound fish.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports good flounder fishing on Sunday, 30 for one skiff in particular with one fish close to 3 pounds. Swift creek and Short Beach seem to be producing well with bloodworms and mussel baits and clam chum. Average catches for good fishermen are 18 to 30 per boat, though it is running a little hot and cold.

Hudson Point Marina reports Mel Wolff caught 1 weakfish of 4 pounds in the State channel at the Meadowbrook Bridge jigging a bucktail on the ebb. He also marked a lot of what he thought were other weaks in the rips.

The **Captain Lou II** has been doing very well all week on flounder. On Saturday 12 year old 1st time anglerette Angela Norizsan boated 22 flounder and a pool fish of 2 pounds with a mussel worm combo bait. Fish ran from ½ to 1½ pounds. Incoming worked the best at Swift and Long Creek.

Frank's Marina and Fishing Station at the corner of Atlantic Avenue and So. Main tells us that Harvey Lieberman took 35 flounder up to 2 pounds at Ned's creek on Saturday and that Steve Wall fished Swift Creek with worms and mussel chum on Saturday. Both did this on the flood. Also, 12 small blackfish were taken at the last Meadowbrook Bridge on incoming.

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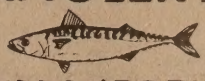

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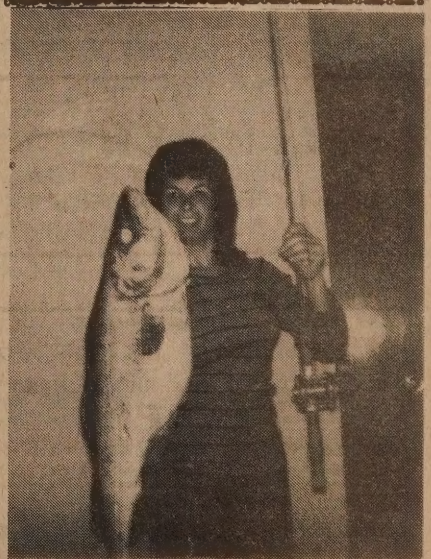

World Record Cod caught by Ms. Ronnie De Luca of Massapequa on 6 lb. test aboard a private boat "Sparky". The cod weighed 17 lbs. 9 oz. Subscriber Club Photo.

John Keenan of Manhattan caught this 43 lb. cod aboard the "Helen II."

POINT LOOKOUT

Captain Art White of the **Angler II** said the mackerel fishing was good on Saturday and Sunday. They fished at buoy 2 about four miles out of Jones Inlet where the fish seem bigger than last year and because the water is still cold the mackerel are firm.

The **Marie III** had a 14 person charter out on Saturday and took loads and loads of mackerel, topping the 400 fish mark. This was 4 miles south of the BA buoy. 8 people in this charter were bikini clad french women. Ooh, la-la. It was just a mixture of human and fish flesh.

ISLAND PARK

Captain Bill of the **Ginnie Mae** reports bang-up mackerel fishing. The macks are big and everyone has a good catch of them.

The flounders slowed this past week according to Charlie at **Beckman's Tackle** in Lynbrook. Charlie said 5 short and one 3 pound striped bass were taken at the trestle in Jamaica Bay. No bait was mentioned but it was assumed to be worms while flounder fishing.

JAMAICA BAY

Bill at **Noehren's Bait and Tackle** said the flounder fishing at Silver Hole, Winhole Channel and the bridges was good. Eels have started and there are showings of bunker in the bay. Striped bass have started at the north and south channel bridges. They are taken on flounder rigs and are barelyt keepers. Bill said it looks like a lively year.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Larry Krim of the **Eagle** said the mackerel fishing was good, better and best on Friday, Saturday and Sunday respectively. On Friday, the high hook was 175 so you can just picture what it was on the other days.

The mackerel are less than one hour away and working their way in said Capt. Huck of the **Helen H.** At present they are at Seventeen Fathoms.

Capt. Tom of the **Pilot II** said the black fishing was down over the weekend. Friday was very good but high tides were accompanied with a water temperature change which affected the fishing. The blacks of 2 to 8 pounds are still biting on green crabs mostly with some taking clams.

Mike's Bait and Tackle reports the mackerel fishing was pretty good from Thursday on. Whiting is still being caught and the blackfish are starting to becoe active. Flounder fishing in the bay is fair. A few die hards have been working for striped bass in some of the creeks with nominal success.

Sal from **Stella Maris Tackle** said the macks, blacks and flounder were good and then gave out the spots. Blacks are being taken at the Marine Parkway Bridge and on the outside wrecks. Flounder are also at the Marine Parkway bridge while on the outside Manhatten Beach has been producing flounder.

Captain Ken of the charterboat **Babe** had back to back flounder charters this past weekend. Splitting the 2 days, Al, Harry, Marv, Steve, Andy, Ellie, and Rhonda had a total of 215 flounder for both days fishing off Manhattan Beach and Brighton Beach. The **Babe** will be sailing daily now on an open basis, and Captain Ken asks that you call for special low rates. See his ad for phone number.

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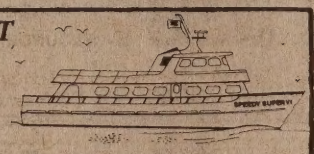

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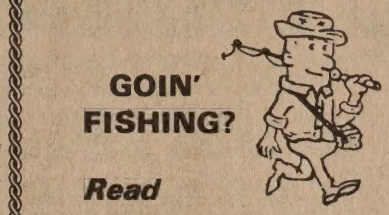
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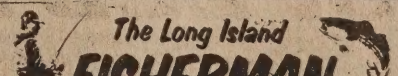
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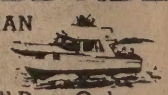

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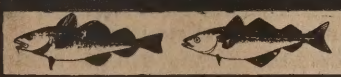

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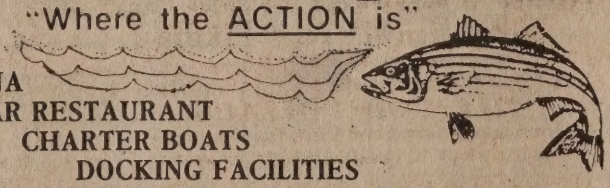

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Art White's Bait Shop reports fairly good flounder fishing. By moving around, the catches stayed high. East Marion, Deering Harbor, and South Ferry were the prime spots along with the west side of Jessups Neck. The flounder are now hitting on most baits. Art said that an hour on each side of the slack tide along with the slack seems best.

SOUTHOLD

Although mackerel and weaks have been taken in the fish traps it is still flounder action only according to **Port OF Egypt Fishing Station**. Jessups Neck had no great number of flounder but they ha big ones of 2 to 2½ pounds. East Marion and South Ferry was most productive in numbers. The best though was Lloyd Gunzburg and his 4 boys all from Manhattan. Somehow they fished north or the Greenport breakwater where they took 97 flounder.

NEW SUFFOLK

Flounder fishing was so-so over the weekend said Phil at **Capt. Marty's Fishing Station**. The flounder are in the neighborhood of 2 pounds with about 10-30 per boat. Mussel and worm are the bait. To bolster the catches there has been from 2 to 4 blackfish caught per boat while fishing for the flatties. Nassau Point has been the best place.

ROCKY POINT

Nick's Bait and Tackle reports beach

Joe DiCesare, Louis DiCesare and Joe DeRuvo of the Bronx caught these 90 1½-2½ lb. flounder in front of the Oyster Factory. Photo courtesy of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station.

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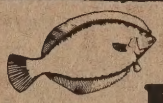

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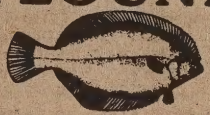

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fishing is starting. Two blacks of 7 and 10 pounds were weighed in. Some nice flounders of 1½ pounds were also taken from the beach. The blacks took skimmers and worms.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Good blackfishing and flounder activity this past weekend reports **Dick's Sporting Goods**. The warmer weather seems to have triggered the fish into activity. Flounders were taken in both the Sound and the harbor. Harbor flounder are ½ to ¾ average with larger ones outside.

PORT JEFFERSON

The Betty W reports picky fishing during the week with an improvement on the weekend in the flounder fishing. Rosie Augustine took two honors on Wednesday. She had the largest flounder at 3¾ pounds and was also high hook for the week. John Voht and Jack Burke split a $50 pool with flounders of 2½ pounds each. All this action is on mussel bait.

Bruce of the **Port Jeff Ace** reports good early flounder fishing. Most fish are of 1¼ to 1½ pounds and being taken on mussels or worms. The blacks are just starting and 3 or 4 a day are hitting the flounder bait. Some of these blacks are 5 pounds.

Caraftis Fishing Station expects the flounder activity to get better after this full moon. John said a few mackerel have been caught and the blacks are starting to bite.

NORTHPORT

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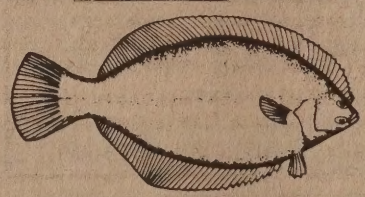

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HUNTINGTON

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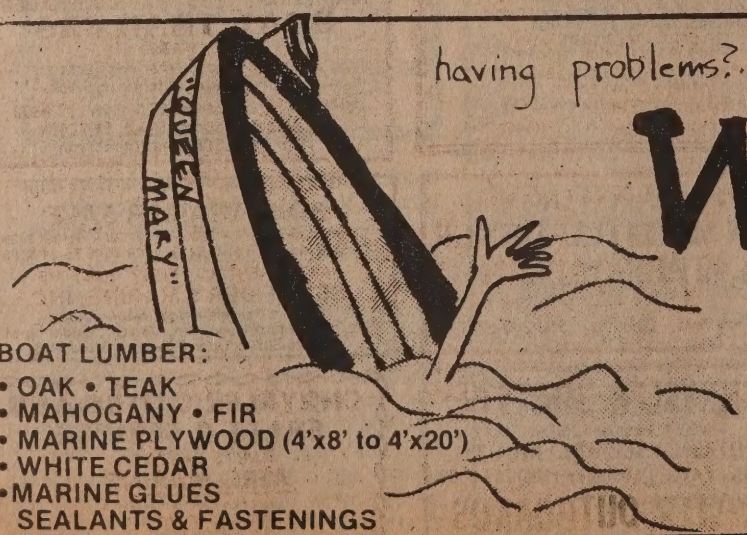

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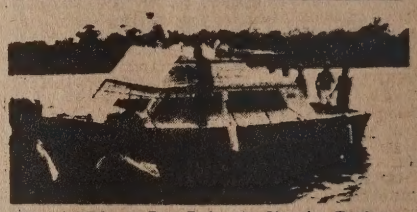

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We're sorry if any of you were taken by this one. We try to police L.I.F. ads as best we can. Occasionally, one will slip by for awhile—But never for long!

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flounder were all over Huntington Bay. The best was Little Neck Point and the mouth of Huntington Harbor. Cold Spring Harbor near West Neck had flounder of ½ to ¾lb. Large flounders were found off Calahans Beach in about 20 feet of water. Crab Meadow was hot this week for the striped bass fishermen using worms. Bill and Ray Olsen of Greenlawn had 37 bass to 10 pounds on Friday.

Four Winds Tackle reports excellent flounder fishing in Huntington Bay and at Sand City. The flounder are hitting all baits, worms, clams or mussels. They range in size from ¾ to 1¼ pounds with some to 2 pounds. Calahans and Mokamah beaches have larger flounder of 1½ to 2 pounds. This Monday mackerel were spotted in Smithtown Bay and some were taken. All kinds of fishng activity is opening now.

GLEN COVE

John at **Glen Cove Sports Shop** says the Glen Cove area has striped bass. Flounder rigs are getting hit by a lot of striped bass. The smart surfman will get out there with the worms and should be knee deep in bass. Good, stable flounder fishing with fish of ¾ to 1¼ pounds being taken on worms. Some blacks are biting and should open soon. The weakfish could bust open any day now.

PORT WASHINGTON

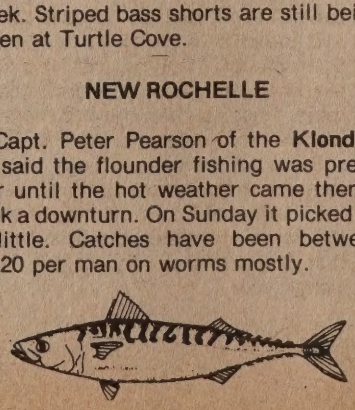
Moreland's Bait and Tackle reports the flounder fishing is very good at the Hempstead Harbor Park and the Town Dock. A lot of 1 to 1½ pound fish have been taken on worms and clams with mussel chum.

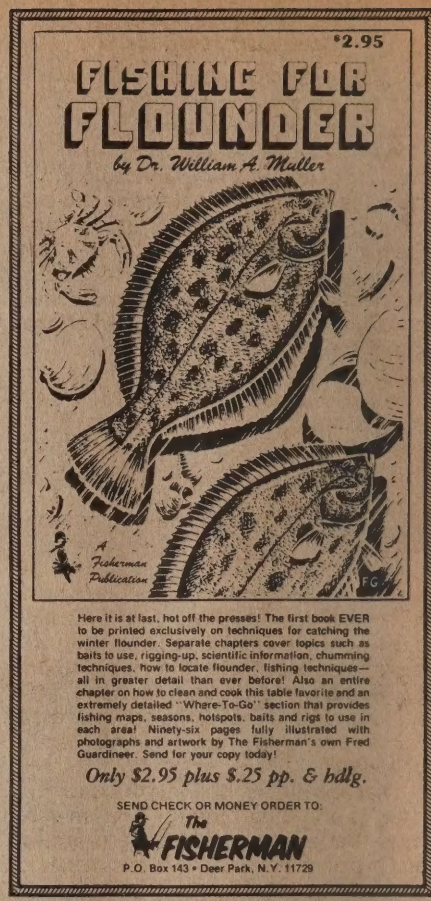
CITY ISLAND

The flounder fishing, reports **Jack's Bait and Tackle** has been good. Rodman's Neck, Orchard Beach, Hartgs Island, Sands Pint, and Fort Slocups all have loads of them. Blacks are being caught at the City Island bridge. These fish were taken on frozen clams as Jack had no fiddlers. He will have them this week. Striped bass shorts are still being taken at Turtle Cove.

NEW ROCHELLE

Capt. Peter Pearson of the **Klondike VI** said the flounder fishing was pretty fair until the hot weather came then it took a downturn. On Sunday it picked up a little. Catches have been between 10-20 per man on worms mostly.





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Gasper Teri of Brooklyn caught 19 flounder [1-2½ lbs.] and a 7 lb. blackfish at Rose Grove. Gasper caught the fish using sandworms and mussels. Photo courtesy of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station.

DIAMOND JIGS
(Continued from page 17.)

quickly as possible without losing control or allowing the line to override on the reel as the lure hits the bottom.

When the lure hits bottom and the drag is applied, the lure will begin to rise from the motion of the tide and the boat moving along, without you even turning the handle. That rising motion, with lure hanging above the bottom, is the teaser. Master the technique involved. Catching bass this way is very exciting. After hook ing a fish, put the boat in neutral and allow yourself to drift back when taking in your fish. While drifting back, anyone else fishing aboard can try squidding. This way you may double up on the fish. Many times a hooked bass will be followed by another. (a 'trailer'.) Chances are he may hit a jig while still deep in the water.

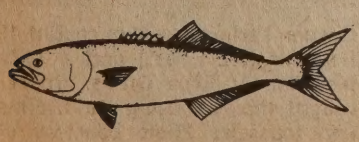
As you now can well imagine, the problems here are enormous compared to most other methods. The fisherman must work the line, handle the boat, and be able to stay over the fish. All the while making sure not to hang in a troller's wire or run into another boat. Remember, you are fishing facing backwards.

That about does it. Everything written here is the time tested best method ways. Variations on retrieve are endless and are of no importance in the matter of consistency. Always start your fishing with the basics before going on to the tricks. The more you experience the better your catch. Having the confidence of knowing that you're doing it right is a big help.

Concentrate on your fishing and stop eye-balling everyone else around that's catching. I have this trouble when I charter people for diamond jig fishing. Watching to see what the trollers are doing around you does not help.

Do your own thing. Work your line. Be attentive! If the trollers are catching and you are not, don't give up too easily. Try all the jig methods prescribed within, before switching over. I leave it up to you, do you want to do idiot fishing always, and drag wire? Or would you prefer having some fun?

So the next time you are heading to a favorite spot, make sure you are armed with several size diamond jigs. Show the Gods above how masterfull a mortal can be. I am willing to bet all the nectar on Mount Olympus, that after one successful day of fishing with diamond jigs you will be a fan forever.



TIDE TABLES

ON →	SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT	
DAY	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
4/22 THURSDAY	2:05	2:45	4:02	4:44	6:31	7:07	5:43	6:16
4/23 FRIDAY	3:05	3:45	5:05	5:40	7:31	7:59	6:43	7:12
4/24 SATURDAY	4:03	4:36	6:00	6:27	8:26	8:50	7:39	8:02
4/25 SUNDAY	5:55	6:22	7:46	8:05	10:13	10:36	9:29	9:47
4/26 MONDAY	6:44	7:04	8:26	8:41	10:57	11:12	9:14	10:30
4/27 TUESDAY	7:24	7:40	9:03	9:14	11:36	11:44	10:54	11:07
4/28 WEDNESDAY	8:02	8:17	9:38	9:49	—	12:08	11:34	11:45
4/29 THURSDAY	8:40	8:51	10:15	10:23	12:05	12:29	—	12:13

SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Inlet & Dem. Pt.	−0 38
Coast Giard Sta.	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 00
Beach Ch. (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet —0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook" — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

The Original Knight
SOLUNAR TABLES
When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

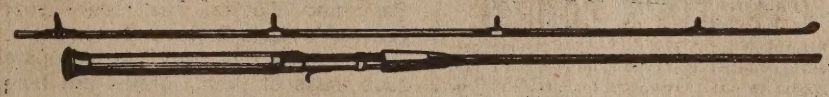
	A.M. Minor	A.M. Major	P.M. Minor	P.M. Major
4/22	11:50	5:55	:	6:15
4/23	12:10	6:35	12:30	6:55
4/24	12:45	7:15	1:10	7:35
4/25	2:25	8:50	2:50	9:15
4/26	3:00	9:30	3:30	9:50
4/27	3:40	10:10	4:05	10:30
4/28	4:20	10:50	4:45	11:10
4/29	5:00	11:30	5:25	11:55

PHASES OF THE MOON

4-29	4-7	4-14	4-21
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

SUNRISE/SUNSET

4/5	5:36	6:30
4/10	5:28	6:35
4/15	5:19	6:41
4/20	5:12	6:47
4/25	5:04	6:53
4/30	4:57	6:58



10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF L.I.F.
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Louise? Well, Rich still does his fishing from the same 14 foot aluminum skiff and Louise is in the office daily typing away, only now she uses ten fingers. Even though the time has long since passed that economics required their presence, they are here daily doing what they can to get out next weeks issue—just as they have for the previous 450 issues of The Long Island Fisherman, never missing a deadline.

So as we enter our tenth year of publishing, rest assured that we DO remember the leaner years of our existence. But most of all, we remember the readers of L.I.F., who have showed us such dedication and support over the years—for when the final bag count is tallied, it was YOU, the reader, that deserves credit for making The Long Island Fisherman what it is today. Thank you!

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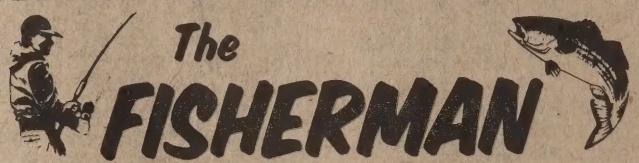

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